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AND TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answer the questions below then find the answers in the FIND-A-STAR above

- Who has been dubbed "The Liberian Flash"? _____
- As a reserve for Napoli, this Italian superstar had the luxury of learning from Maradona while on the bench, and emerged as a leader for Napoli after Maradona's departure in the early 90's, who is he? _____
- Who is West Ham goalkeeper Lee Grant referring to when he says "he is undoubtedly the best striker in the world?" _____
- Who is the Tranmere 'Hitman', a legend goisseur of the past decade? _____
- According to Italian papers, who has been the best player for Juventus this year, scoring 9 out of 10 points leaving Baggio far behind with just 6.5? _____
- What is Baggio's nickname? _____
- Who was awarded the Coach of the Year Award at this year's NSL Awards night? _____
- Which English club will be cheering the dreadlocked Dutchman Ruud Gullit next year? _____
- Where was he last seen in action? _____
- Edmundo, nicknamed 'Animal' in Brazil was greeted by two elephants, a tiger, a chimpanzee and the mayor of his new club and home. What is the 'Animal's' new club? _____

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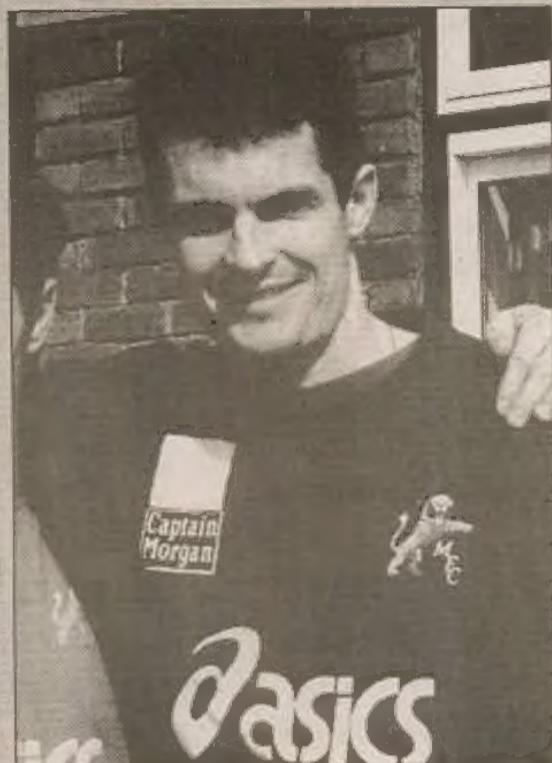
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STAR PROFILE No 66

Alistair Edwards

— MILLWALL —



Date of Birth: June 21st, 1968

Birthplace: Whyalla (South Australia)

Previous Clubs: A.I.S., Glasgow Rangers, Sydney Olympic, Singapore, Johore and Selengor in the Malaysian Soccer League

Current Club: Millwall (England)

Position: Striker

Nickname: "Ally"

Marital Status: Married to Gracie with two boys, (Cameron 3 and Ryan 19 months old)

Full-time pro.

Vision and left foot

The next one

Sydney United's Tony

Popovic

Parramatta Stadium

Roberto Baggio

Favourite Overseas Player: Glasgow Rangers and Juventus.

Honours: Australia's World Youth 1987 team in Chile, twice Golden Boot Winner in Malaysia

What Do You Miss Most About Australia

Whilst Playing Overseas My family friends and the weather

What Do You Dislike Most

Whilst Playing in Europe The weather and because of distance the difficulties in getting away to play for Australia

Ambitions In Soccer To qualify for the 1998 World Cup

Ambitions After Retiring: To put something back into Australian Soccer either in coaching or administration

Most Memorable Moment: Winning the NSL 1990 Grand

Final 2-0 with Sydney Olympic against Marconi. I scored the first goal

Golf

Asian food

Milk

Ford Mondeo

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Kidman

Most music

Heavy Rock

Eddie Murphy

Preferred Music: People driving slow on the right lane and two-faced people

Least Preferred Music: Heavy Rock

avourite Comedian: Eddie Murphy

Pet Hates: People driving slow on the right lane and two-faced people

Special Advice To Young Players: Work hard at training and enjoy your game

Person You Would Most Like To Meet Madonna

By Jonny Economos

Argentina v Australia



Australia's second crack at Argentina



BY JOHN ECONOMOS

AUSTRALIA flies out today (Tuesday) lunchtime bound for Buenos Aires minus the firepower of the Vidmar brothers, (Aurelio and Tony), where they will have a second crack at Argentina this Saturday (a.e.s.t.).

Argentina's F.A., (A.F.A.), has invited

Australia for a friendly international as their side seriously prepares for the 'Copa America' which kicks off next month in Uruguay.

Argentina will be at full strength as the A.F.A. has drafted all their big guns back from their respective European clubs.

Argentina without any mercy showed her full fury last Friday night when she annihilated Slovakia in another

friendly, 6-0 at Mendoza.

The Vidmar brothers miss the Argentina clash as they have to report back to their respective clubs in Holland (Aurelio to Feyenoord and Tony to NAC Breda) for pre-season training.

But Australia will not just only be without the Vidmars.

Also missing the South American action could be attacking midfielder, Robbie Slater, targetman Graham Arnold, striker Frank Farina who has retired from the international arena, central marker, Tony Popov who is injured, as well as goalkeeper Mark Bosnich whose injured ankle has still not healed properly.

Eddie Thomson, Australia's World Cup coach, assembled his squad yesterday (Monday) at the Brighton-le-Sands Novotel, but had still not heard from England as yet whether his right midfielder, Robbie Slater would be able to gain a release from his club Blackburn Rovers to fly across direct and join the Australian squad in Argentina.

Striker Graham Arnold, still in Sydney, was also unsure whether his Dutch club NAC Breda would grant him a release to travel to Argentina.

'Stabber' In Squad.

"As you know, Robbie (Slater) recently lost his mother and I didn't call him into the squad for our recent three matches against Ghana.

"I have left it up to him whether he can make it now across to Argentina direct," Thomson said.

"Argentina well remembers our last game with them over there which they won through an 'own-goal' that allowed them to narrowly qualify for the USA '94 World Cup finals.



Argentina's 1994 World Cup Team: Back Row: Caceres, Chamot, Islas, Redondo, Ruggeri, Maradona. Front Row: Caniggia, Simeone, Batistuta, Balbo, Sensini.

AUSTRALIA'S SQUAD

Goalkeepers : Kalac and Juric.

Sweepers : Ivanovic and Horvat.

Defenders : Polak,

Tobin, Marth, Van Blerk.

Midfielders : (Slater ?), Corica, Wade, Zelic, Okon, Markovski, Lazaridis.

Strike-line : (Arnold ?), Veart, Spiteri.

"Tony Popovic unfortunately badly twisted his knee and sustained damage to his medial ligament in Perth in our last match against Ghana. Most unluckily now Tony will miss this tour and understandably he was very disappointed.

"I have brought into the squad Andrew Marth in place of Tony and most probably 'Stabber' (Marth) will have to look after Argentina's striker Balbo and leave Battistuta to his old mate from Adelaide, Alex Tobin," smiled Thomson.

Thomson added a warning : "If we can survive Argentina's first 20 minutes onslaught then we should be O.K.

"Make sure that this opening period will be like Vietnam.

"Argentina late last week crushed Slovakia 6-0 showing just what a battle-frame of mind they are in.

"Of course we will miss both Vidmars. Which team wouldn't?"

"We just have to do the very best we can and I'm sure we will give them a hard match again.

"But this tour could give people like the Coricas' and the Lazaridis' the chance to really prove themselves for Australia," ended Thomson.

Former World Youth goalkeeper, Ante Juric will come into the squad in place of Bosnich and as back-up to first choice custodian, the towering (6'7") Zeljko Kalac.

It's almost certain that Thomson will again entrust the vital role of playmaker to the dynamic Paul Okon ahead of Ned Zelic.

For it was Okon who virtually destroyed Ghana single-handedly in the first match in Sydney last Sunday week.

Despite the fact that Okon will almost certainly be called upon to stack up against Argentina's magnificent mobile linkman Redondo, the 23-year-old Australian has now cultivated such professional arrogance and confidence that he will not be overawed by Redondo's presence.

STOP PRESS

Three out, two in

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

Heidelberg United, Parramatta Eagles and Melbourne BSC were yesterday (Monday) unceremoniously dumped from next season's National Soccer League.

Newcastle Breakers and Canberra Cosmos will replace the trio to form a 12-team League as opposed to last season's 13 teams.

The Australian Soccer Federation's fast-moving chairman David Hill announced these sensational changes for the 1995/96 at a hastily arranged media conference at the ASF's new headquarters in the Sydney Football Stadium.

The repercussions have already started with at least one of the three axed clubs expected to take legal action against the ASF.

Many Australian soccer observers believe these drastic decisions _ although expected _ may prove to be the death knell of the National League.

Next season's 12 clubs will play three rounds which equals 3 League matches.

The extra nine rounds, although intended to engineer additional revenue for the clubs, could in fact generate increased losses especially if there will be many midweek matches.

Parramatta's axing, on the surface, appears to be particularly harsh considering their financial position received maximum points from the ASF whereas a rival club received zero points in the same category and still survived the guillotine.

There will be many soccer people questioning the wisdom of the ASF's drastic measures.

Changes needed to be made to prolong the viability of the National League. But is this the answer.

Whatever happened to the globally accepted formula of promotion and relegation to decide who plays in the NSL and who does not.



PAUL OKON : Australia's playmaker.

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ARGENTINA'S BUILD-UP

The current South American champions, Argentina, will continue its build-up preparation aiming at winning the Copa America for the third time in a row, facing Australia after an impressive 6-0 win over Slovakia in Mendoza.

The Argentine goals against the weak Europeans were scored by Gabriel Batistuta, twice, youngster Marcelo Gallardo, also twice, Javier Zanetti and Diego Simeone.

The Argentines, guided by coach Daniel Passarella, will play this week Australia in Buenos Aires.

For the match against Australia, Passarella will have the chance to use, for the second time since he took over the job as national selector, Atletico Madrid star midfielder Diego Simeone.

The other European based players available for the game are Italian league highest scorers,

Gabriel Batistuta (Fiorentina) and Abel Balbo (Roma), as well as Jose Chamot.

Meanwhile midfielder Hugo "Perico" Perez, who plays for Spanish club Sporting Gijon, will arrive before the match against Australia, but he may not be able to play.

The Argentine squad for the Copa America, who will face USA, Chile and Bolivia in Group C. Will be named this week.

Ghana avoids whitewash

Long-range shot salvages pride

BY JEREMY
WILSHIRE OF AAP

Ghana scored a 1-0 victory in the third match of its international soccer series against Australia last Saturday after losing the first two games of the best of three series.

Both sides wasted their best chances with the difference coming down to a long-range shot from Malam Yahaya in the 32nd minute.

Early rain dampened both the pitch and the attacking aspirations of the two nations in a game which did not reach the heights of the previous encounter in Adelaide.

Australia went close to pegging back the deficit in the second term but was given little room in the goal square after some impressive lead-up work.

Ghana fell into the same category, but controlled the ball well in the midfield,

especially man-of-the-match Abladi Kumah.

Felix Aboagye contributed some bright touches and almost scored in the 54th minute with a deft chip which just floated over the crossbar.

Australia should have levelled soon after when a cross from Stan Lazaridis produced its best scoring opportunity of the night.

But Morwell Falcons striker John Markovski — who could well have been

ruled off-side — failed to put away a header with the net open.

Markovski was again in the thick of the action when felled contesting a high ball just outside the goal square but he put the subsequent free-kick straight into a seven-man wall.

Yahaya had a chance to put the issue beyond doubt with eight minutes left, but wasted a perfect pass from Augustine Ahinfu when his 15-metre blast went wide.

Once again, in injury time, Yahaya had the chance to register a double but planted a close-range shot straight to goalkeeper Zeljko Kalac.

Australia won the series 2-1 following earlier victories in Sydney and Adelaide.

Socceroo coach Eddie Thomson admitted the result was a fair one.

"We had a couple of good chances to get back level in the second half but I thought they deserved to win," Thomson said.

"Maybe we could have done a little better with our free-kicks but it was tight and wet and there were a lot of bodies between our guys and the goal."

Thomson said he would name an 18-man squad for the up-coming tour of Argentina as soon as he confirmed who was available and healthy.

Australian captain Paul Wade, although generally pleased with the series, said it was difficult to play as a unit with such little time together.

"The cohesion was not there at times but it has given us something to build on," Wade said.

"If we had come out of the



Paul Wade: "Now we have our feet back down on the ground for Argentina."

series with three wins we may have been a bit cocky but now we have our feet back down on the ground for Argentina."

Ghanaian captain Joe Addo was happy to avoid a series whitewash.

"If we had lost all three games, no matter how well we might have played, the people in Ghana would not have understood," Addo said.

"The two players who came

in for this last match made a big difference because they were both strikers which was what we needed."

Australia's star striker Graham Arnold was starved of quality ball service.

Ghana 1 (Malam Yahaya 32nd) Australia 0 at the WACA Ground, Perth. Crowd 11,634.

Ref: Simon Micallef.

◆ Last Saturday's 1-0 loss to Ghana was Australia's first international in Western Australia for 20 years.

Perth fans last savoured an international soccer match when Russia and Australia played out a 0-0 draw at Perry Lakes in 1975.



Graham Arnold: Australia's star striker starved of quality ball service.

Awesome first half clinches series

Australia kicks-off in scintillating form

BY PETER KRUPKA
OF AAP

A sensational opening half which featured some of Australia's most outstanding attacking soccer in recent history was the foundation for the Socceroos' 1-0 win in the second international against Ghana at the Hindmarsh Stadium last Wednesday.

Australia took an unbeatable 2-0 lead in the three match series courtesy of a 20th minute goal by Sheffield United striker Carl Veart who got the final touch on a mesmerising passage of play instigated by first-game captain Aurelio Vidmar.

Stan Lazaridis was the recipient of a Vidmar pass and, after taking on two Ghana defenders, crossed the ball to John Markovski who provided a cheeky back flick for Veart who tucked the ball past goalkeeper Simon Addo from close range.

Although the scoreline was slim, the Socceroos dominated most of the match

but again failed to take advantage of their chances.

However the opening passages of play were good enough for Vidmar to admit it was some of the best soccer he had been part of in the green and gold.

"In the first half there was a lot more movement and when you play simply and move around, it's easy to create chances," Vidmar said.

Australia fell away in the second half and the contest was more even with Ghana striker Abaldi Kuma looking ominous after a first half in which both chances for Ghana fell to him.

After the break, Australia's best chance fell to substitute Tony Popovic who had an 18-metre blast deflected away by a desperate dive from Ghanaian defender Stephen Baidoo.

Socceroo coach Eddie Thomson said it was a tactical move to play safer in the second half because he was aware many of his

players, including Veart, Vidmar and their Australian-based team-mates, had not played for such a long time.

"At half-time I said to the guys, we're up 1-0 and it's a quality side we're against so we've got to treat it like a World Cup game and win it," Thomson said.

"We did okay in the first half but most of the guys haven't had a march in five or six weeks and it really showed in the second half."

With Ghana peppering the goal late in the match, Thomson conceded he was concerned and paid tribute to the solid defence led by Milan Ivanovic and supported well by Zeljko Kalac in goal who turned a wicked shot by Kuma onto the crossbar in the first half and made numerous other saves during the match.

Just as Australia's defence performed, so too did Ghana's under the inspiration of captain Joe Addo who soaked up most of the pressure the Australians threw at the visitors on a bitterly cold but calm

Adelaide night.

Ghana coach Ismael Kurtz said he was happier with his side's form than he was in the first match.

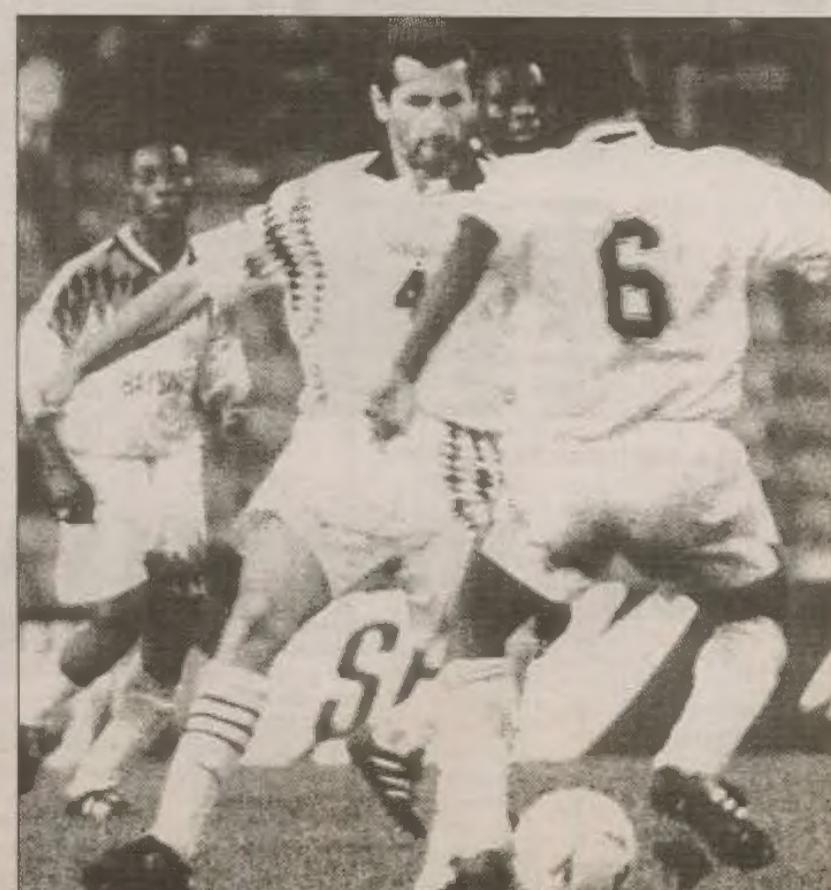
"It was a better game than the one in Sydney and with Australian players changing, they had a better team than the one in Sydney," Kurtz said.

The Brazilian-born coach was forced to field the same side he had in the first leg after two players failed to arrive in Adelaide.

Australia: Z.Kalac, C.Moore, M.Ivanovic, A.Tobin, S.Lazaridis, J.Polak (S.Horvat 80th), N.Zelic (P.Wade 70th), S.Corica, J.Markovski (T.Popovic 63rd), C.Veart, A.Vidmar.

Ghana: Addo, S.Baidoo, A.Dodoo, J.Addo, K.Da Costa, M.Yahaya, M.Gargo, A.Kumah, N.O.Aryee, E.Hagan, S.Johnson.

AUSTRALIA 1 (Carl Veart 20th) **bt GHANA 0** at Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide. Referee: Gerry Connolly. Crowd: 7,000.



Solid defence: Australia's Milan Ivanovic tries to win possession from a Ghana opponent.

Julie being Frank about Farina

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

Whilst husband Frank, (Soccer player extraordinaire), has always grabbed all the headlines through scoring goals, being transferred between European clubs for mega-bucks, or more recently playing his last international for Australia and then announcing his 'coming-home' to play for the Brisbane Strikers, wife Julie has dutifully, but sometimes bewilderedly, remained silently in the background.

When ABSW late last night telephoned the Farina-household in Cairns to speak to husband Frank about his signing with Brisbane Strikers, wife Julie answered.

"No I'm sorry, Frank is already in bed asleep. He's been rushing up and down between Cairns and Brisbane for meetings and interviews and he was exhausted.

"Can I help you in anyway?" came the polite Julie.

Sure...why not?

The blonde 28-year-old Julie who by nature and self-confessed is very shy, has managed to keep herself out of the media for almost seven years quite successfully.

So why not speak to her now that we had her trapped?

Born in the small north Queensland town of Innisfail about an hour from Cairns, Julie first met husband Frank at a Soccer match.

Where else really?



Frank Farina: In his last appearance for the Socceroos.

Farina had flown to Queensland for an exhibition game with the old NSL club side, Sydney City and Julie with her parents had gone to see the game.

Farina's parents lived in Cairns and Julie already had got to know them.

After the match, Julie was introduced to Frank and the rest is history as Frank ended up signing the vivacious Julie on a life-time contract.

ABSW: How do you feel about coming back to Australia to live?

J.F.: "It hasn't really sunk in yet. But it sure will. At the moment we are both

shell-shocked. "It has been hectic for us the last three weeks with Frank having to come back to play for Australia against Ghana.

"It's been the same at the end of every season. Chaos with packing up and coming back here for holidays then packing again and going back to Europe. Always rushing back and forth."

ABSW: Needless to say it is difficult being the wife of a player moving across Europe?

J.F.: "Yes it has been but I have a great relationship

with Frank, very good communication and we both work hard for the future."

ABSW: Of all the countries you have lived in whilst Frank was playing Soccer in Europe, which did you prefer?

J.F. "Well at first, especially the first two years as you can imagine, we hated it as we both missed our families and friends. But with time we got to like it and now we even loved it.

"Living in Europe has brought me out of my shell a bit.

"Belgium opened our eyes when we were at Bruges. Looking back now, Bruges is a lovely, if not beautiful and romantic city.

"In fact we both are still in the mode of going back to Europe.

"Don't forget it has been seven years of us going back and forth to Europe."

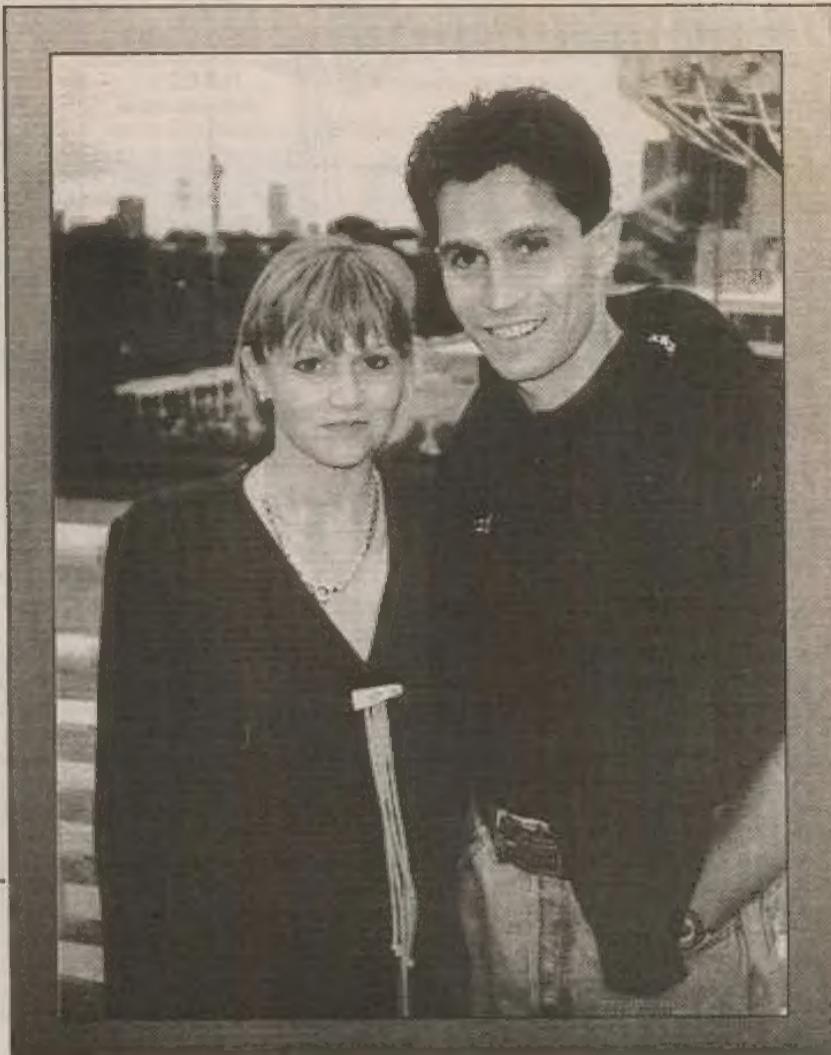
ABSW: What was it like in Italy when Frank was bought by Bari?

J.F.: "Really it was a nightmare. Everything went wrong over there from the start. The only thing that really helped us a bit was that Frank has some family over there."

ABSW: Then you went to France. What was that like?

J.F.: "Great. The fact we had a child (son Jordan), made us learn French, or enough to get us out of trouble, pretty quickly.

ABSW: What did you do over there whilst Frank was tied up training and



THE FARINA'S, JULIE and FRANK - recently at the Sydney Football Stadium, now back in sunny Queensland for good.

playing?

J.F.: "Shopping...plenty of it. If I didn't go shopping Frank would have been a millionaire today."

"There was lots to do. You mix with the other players' wives.

"I played squash and hockey in Bruges. I've always played hockey."

ABSW: Is it true that you are pregnant?

J.F.: "Yes I am. Five months in fact, and I'm due the first week of November.

"I just want to now hibernate till I give birth."

announced late last week.

Brisbane Strikers' General manager, Mr Alan Vessey, who has known Frank from back in his junior days, played a most significant role in securing Farina's signature on a two-year contract plus a one year option for the Queensland club.

It can now be disclosed that Mr Vessey had quietly been chasing the international striker for the past eight months to entice him back to Australia, in particular Brisbane.

HICKMAN RUSHED TO HOSPITAL

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

MICK HICKMAN, the only coach to have won the NSL championship for Sydney Olympic was rushed off to hospital for an emergency operation last week.

Hickman currently in Australia on holidays during the English off-season to visit his family in Sydney, went to the Sydney Football Stadium to watch Australia play Ghana in the first match.

But after the match that night the Leicester City coach was buckled over with severe and unbearable pain to the stomach region.

The doctor quickly ordered the phlegmatic Englishman into Prince Henry Hospital where an emergency operation was performed to the kidney area.

"Apparently I had a blockage there and the doctors had to put in a line to drain fluids from my kidney area," Hickman told ABSW from his hospital bed late last week.

Also visiting Hickman in hospital was Leicester City's most concerned team doctor, Mr Alan Smith who had



MICK HICKMAN: Seen here at the players' entrance-tunnel at Filbert Street, Leicester City F.C.

flew out from England.

The doctors wanted Hickman to remain in Sydney to convalesce for another five weeks.

City where he is under contract for another two years.

"I'll be taking all my hospital charts from here with me and the doctors over there can keep an eye on me," smiled a tough Mickey.

Hickman brought Sydney Olympic rare glory when he piloted the problematical club to its first and only National League championship by winning the 1990 Grand Final at Parramatta Stadium.

Five years ago, the always down to earth Hickman carefully plotted Olympic's path to glory through no less than an incredible seven consecutive sudden-death matches before defeating the then current League champions Marconi by 2-0.

In that historic Sydney Grand Final a massive crowd of almost 27,000 crammed into Parramatta Stadium to see Olympic score a goal in each half by elegant striker Alistair Edwards (see Edwards page 9) and giant midfielder Robbie Ironside.

In 1993 Hickman was drafted back to England and employed on the coaching staff of first division side Reading before last year joining Premier League side Leicester City.

WORLD CHAMPIONS WELCOME SOCCEROOS

BY RICHARD KREIDER

Australian coach Eddie Thomson has announced that Brazil, have sent him an official invitation to have the Socceroos take on the undisputed World Champions in a challenge match, sometime in October.

Thomson says the English Football Association have also offered him a game against the England "B" team the following month.

"Such is our credibility now on the world soccer scene, especially after our performance against Argentina and more recently Ghana," he said at a press conference in Perth prior to the third and final game against Ghana. "These sorts of offers quite emphatically reflect the respect these particular countries have for us now."



Romario: Might be playing against Australia later this year.

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AMATEURISM HAS GOT TO GO!

Dear Sir,

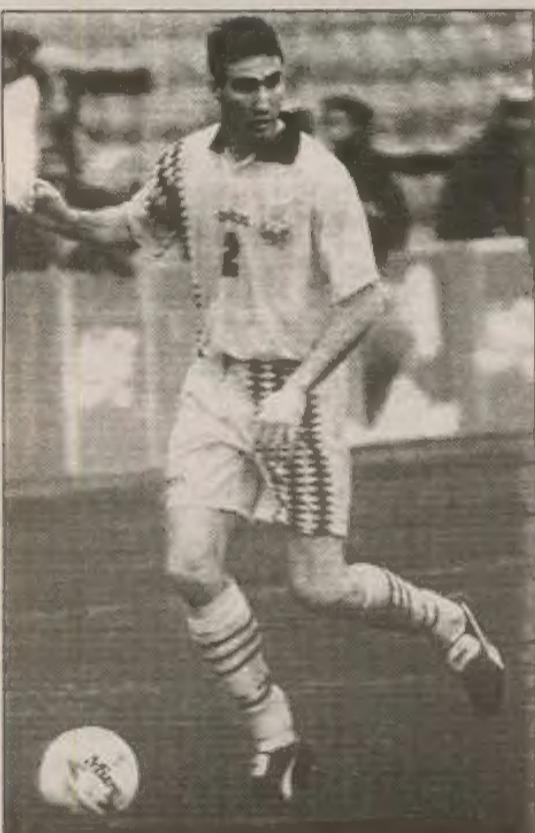
The transfer of yet another top Australian footballer, Tony Vidmar, to yet another mediocre European club for yet more peanuts, only emphasises the urgent need to somehow, one way or the other bring in PROFESSIONALISM here ASAP. Quite frankly — nothing else really matters!

Not the size of the NSL, nor penalty shoot-outs, even the 'ethnic-factor'. These are all COSMETIC and pale into

insignificance against the reality that in the NSL, we have an amateur league, made up of amateur clubs run by amateurs, where we are expected to pay good money to watch a bunch of amateurs who are in many cases, coached by amateurs. THAT's readers are why we get AMATEUR crowds.

What else do you expect? The days when 30,000 people would pay to watch amateurs kick lumps out of each other — are long gone.

The latest round of ethnic-



Tony Vidmar: Another Aussie heading abroad.

WHEN WILL IT STOP!

Dear Sir,

A week prior to the first Socceroos v Ghana game I was pleasantly surprised to see the opposition for once were bringing a near full strength team including many known stars.

At last I was confident that the ASF had got it right and found something worthwhile to present to the much starved soccer public.

A couple of days prior to the game however, the grim reality, which has come to be expected by all of us became apparent. Once again we would see second or third best from the opposition.

It was clear from the

kick-off that the disjointed Ghanians resembled as much of a team as our mob of slung together stars.

"Sixteen Internationals in a year." It sounds good but I feel it is far to bold and over ambitious. This was the first of a three game series, in which the average soccer fan paying for his children's tickets would surely feel cheated.

Why are we told they are bringing their stars only to learn just prior to the game that this is not the case. I feel the soccer public were misled again. When will it stop???

Rodney Feher,
Bondi Junction. NSW.

BASKETBALL RIP-OFF

Dear Sir,

People make a point about how soccer is going backward in Australia, and how it should follow the example of the boom of basketball in this country.

Following the basketball trend will not help soccer in this country at all. Just take a close look at our local NBL, for instance, it has taken an image of a basketball league from another country. The name of a lot of teams are similar to the American's, there are even some who copied American club colours to promote their teams.



It's been to a stage where Aussie kids copied "Black American" gangs separated by colours of basketball clothes and caps. So it seems that when soccer supporters copy clubs or supporters of an overseas club, then it's seen as an "ethnic problem."

I think the day when we see clubs in the AFL or the Rugby League or even Basketball with Australian nicknames such as the 'Bondi Meatpies' and the 'Melbourne Koalas' or the 'Darwin Dingos' then I think we should follow suit.

Joseph Hovanjec,
Noble Park. Vic.

FA Cup for OZ

Dear Sir,

What are the chances of an Australia wide cup being introduced? I think it's safe to say that every state federation has its own cup. Why can't they be joined up to determine an Australian cup winner?

Just because of the age he is, you should think twice and look at Paul Wade as a natural. He has represented his country for many years and has sure done a good job of it.

LEAVE WADE ALONE!

Dear Sir,

I would like to respond to Melinda Cimera's letter on the 20th June 1995, insulting Paul Wade the way she did. That was cruel and unfair as I don't think she knows a good player when they come along.

Most of Australia's corporate bats and ostriches are probably un-aware of the fact that neither Rugby League, Aussie Rules nor Rugby Union are in the Olympics.

Soccer is the biggest event, with crowds surpassing even the athletics. If this, does not stir the corporate boys into reaching for their wallets and giving us our professional league — then to hell with it. This country deserves everything it gets — and it will get a few more 1-6 drubbings as long as it keeps sending amateurs in against 'real' professionals.

Henry Wiggier,
Forestville. NSW.

"background" they wouldn't put players like Frank Farina and Aurelio Vidmar as captain of the Socceroos for the first two series of matches against Ghana but this shows that he is a good sportsman by giving other players a chance (and they both did a great effort and made us all proud). Paul sure got involved in the games as much as he could, and writing that yourself and "other fans" believe that he is one of the top 11 Australian players. How did he get there?

Because he knows how to play a good game of soccer!

So to end I want to leave her with one question, do you really know anything about soccer and the players?

Gina Thiveos,
Blacktown. NSW.

Wouldn't it be great if the winner of such a competition would then have the added bonus of representing Australia in Asia's Cup-Winners Cup?

If such an incentive existed then maybe all clubs, especially the NSL clubs, would take such a cup seriously.

On a final note, the ASF has toyed with the idea of changing its name to 'Australian Football Assoc.' for the last couple of years. A simple task like this could be done overnight, then maybe we could call such a tournament the Australian FA Cup. One thing is for sure, it certainly would be more attractive than the current NSL Cup.

George Kaye,
Malvern. Victoria

Let's get rural

Dear Sir,

The Youth World Cup, the National Soccer League Final, the FA Cup Final from Wembley and Sunday's Australia v. Ghana match and soccer games in general are not being telecast in country areas and limited to SBS elsewhere.

As participation rates of soccer outnumber ALL other football codes something is severely amiss when our kids can't see the Socceroos on television. They can watch quaint subculture sports (like hockey), all the yankee sports, even synchronised swimming...but not our national soccer team.

David Hill, the new ASF boss, has recently revealed a desire to bring soccer to the "wider community". Hopefully this includes putting the game on country television.

C. Bramwell,
Pottsville Beach SC, NSW

Professional journey has begun ...



players would not have an incentive to be better players. In the English Leagues and especially the Premier League players know they must give 100% week in week out because if they don't a new player could be brought in, competition for places keeps everybody on their toes.

Mr Matic also expressed concern that the quality of the NSL would go down and that there would be instability, because players will change clubs every year causing unsettled squads.

There will be players who will change clubs, but you will find that if you pay enough and look after your players you will keep them and eventually the likes of Mark Bosnich and Carl Veart won't want to leave and that will strengthen your NSL.

Think about players here like Steve Bull and Tony Adams, they are more than happy to have stayed with their respective clubs for years and this would happen in Australia. Every player should have a negotiated contract and clubs should honour those contracts.

It would appear to me that Australian Soccer has the chance to take not one but two or three steps forward by creating the NSL as a fully fledged professional league, and attractive new stars to

play football in Australia and new talent to coach as well.

The J-League in Japan was only formed three or four years ago but they attract interest now from around the world. Zico and Lineker to name but two have played there and who would have thought Japan would only lose 2-1 to England at Wembley. The fact that Japan were invited to enter a tournament between Brazil, Sweden and England means Japanese soccer has arrived. For Australian soccer to arrive will mean you first embarking on the professional journey.

Don't be afraid "that some coaches will go out and buy teams" (Branko Culina), this will happen and good luck to them but remember Derby County and Sheffield Wednesday. But you will also have your own Wimbledon or Sheffield United who survive and battle and cause upsets which is what football is all about.

What would make Eric Cantona or Jurgen Klinsmann want to play for Adelaide City or Parramatta Eagles?

Mark Farrow,
Sheffield. England

HADJUK SPLIT CHASE SKOKO



Josip Skoko: Wanted by Hajduk Split.

Zelic wants change

Socceroo Ned Zelic has admitted to seeking a change from his German club, Borussia Dortmund.

"I've had a few bites from other clubs and I've told my manager to look seriously at any offers which come up," Zelic said.

"But the club has told me that they will not sell me - they will only let me go on a loan basis."

"I guess I'm just looking for a bit of a change in atmosphere, I want to try something a bit different."

Although helping guide the German club to its first national championship in 32 years, Zelic has endured some frustrating spells on the sideline at Borussia Dortmund.

"I had two knee operations and then managed to come back and play a few games as a sweeper and midfielder towards the end of the season," Zelic said.

BY ROY HAY

Young Socceroo Josip Skoko flies out to Croatia on today (Tuesday) to join Hajduk Split in pre-season training for next year's European competition preliminary rounds.

Skoko was spotted by former Sydney United star Vedran Rozic who came to Holland when the young Socceroos were training to cast an eye over the Australian-born 19-year-old. Rozic and his fellow directors watched Skoko in action during the World Youth Cup in Qatar and invited him to fly over

for Hajduk's pre-season. Skoko is midway through his architecture degree and he said on Sunday night, "I hope to pass all my mid-year subjects and defer the rest. When I go over I will need to give soccer my full attention. But I can always come back and complete later."

Skoko says Hajduk is talking about a contract of up to four years, but says he is most likely to sign for one year or two.

Skoko won the Diabetes Australia Gold Medal in his first season with North Geelong Warriors in the Victorian Premier

League in 1994, to add to the Weinstein Medal and the National Youth League Player of the Year trophies he has collected. Skoko played his last game for North Geelong on Sunday, opening the scoring with a classic free-kick bent around the Preston Lions defensive wall and into the net before defenders or keeper could move. That skill, plus his brilliant close control, should enable him to impress his hosts and land a chance to take part in next season's domestic and European competitions.

I'll be back - Durakovic

BY JUSTIN BRASIER OF AAP

Socceroo stalwart Mehmet Durakovic (right) says he has no regrets about moving to Malaysia, even though it has prevented him from playing for Australia against Ghana and Argentina.

Durakovic, 29, has been a Socceroo regular since 1990, but commitments with Malaysian league giant Selangor forced him to decline Thomson's invitation to join the squad.

"I'd love to play but we're playing two matches a week here and I can't get away," Durakovic said.

He did not think he would drop out of Thomson's calculations when the Socceroos follow a qualifying path to the next World Cup in France in 1998.

Selangor, which is Asia's richest club, is not obliged under FIFA regulations to release players for national duty for games that are only friendlies.

"Thomson spoke to me last week and he understands my situation," Durakovic said from Malaysia.

The Malaysian league competition started four weeks late because of national elections and teams are now playing two matches a week just to catch up with the fixture.

Durakovic is one of three Australians playing with Selangor, along with former Socceroo David Mitchell and Melbourne Knights veteran Josip Biskic.

Durakovic said he was relishing the opportunity to play



full-time football since being recruited from NSL club South Melbourne by Selangor's Australian manager Ken Worden in February.

"If you do well over here the rewards are there for you," Durakovic said.

"It's a full-time profession, especially at Selangor where the stadium holds 85,000."

"We get about 60,000 to each game. It's amazing."

ARDONE SIGNS FOR OLYMPIC

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

WALTER ARDONE, Heidelberg United's talented and high-work rate central midfielder, has made an unexpected return to the club he started his career with, Sydney Olympic.

Ardone, currently playing in the NSW Super League for Tony Pezzano's rapid-ladder-climbing Leichhardt Tigers, was enticed to comeback to Sydney Olympic by new coach, David Ratcliffe.

As a former Sydney Olympic Junior, Ardone was never given a real chance to prove himself in the senior ranks of NSL football.



years ago.

Meanwhile, in other news concerning Olympic, tough midfielder Brad Maloney who is currently on loan in China, is expected back in Australia soon.

Former Sydney Olympic left-flank speedster, Steve Refenes who was sold to Greece for \$120,000 three years ago, is back in Australia on holidays but has a knee injury.

'Raffie' is undecided whether he will return to Greece or not.

Also back from overseas is Olympic's star-striker, Kris Trajanovski who was loaned by Olympic to a club in Hong Kong.

Trajanovski wants another two weeks to think about what he wants to do, either to stay here and resume playing with Olympic or return to Hong Kong.

Ratcliffe has resigned Mike Gibson, Davie Barrett, Peter Tsekenis, Elias Augerinos, George Sorras, Joe Bacak, Norman Tome and Derek Poimer.

Olympic have had preliminary talks with Marconi-listed duo, striker Kimon Taliadoros and sweeper Ian Gray, but further discussions have not been held.

Adam Ciantar, Parramatta's right defender or midfielder could be a surprise signing for Olympic today or tomorrow.

WALTER ARDONE: Central midfielder returns back 'home'.

Two seasons back Ardone was released by the then Olympic coach Berti Mariani and was signed by Parramatta Eagles.

But last season the struggling Heidelberg United who was at the time coached by Mike Urukalo, enticed Ardone to join the Victorian side.

Urukalo knew Ardone's ability well when the two were involved in Malaysian Football two

NSW Select make it hot for Fiji

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

NSW Select XI made it hot for the touring Fijian team last Sunday at Blacktown City's Gabbie Stadium by downing the visitors 5-2.

State coach David Ratcliffe stated to ABSW last night: "It was just a hit-out for us as we had many players out with injuries or committed with their respective clubs."

"I couldn't use striker Matthew Bingley or midfielder, Matthew Horsley as both were carrying injuries," ended Ratcliffe.

NSW's goals came through strikers David Zdrilic and Norman Tome whilst Ante Milicic who came on as a substitute for the injured giant centre-back Mark Babic, scored a double.



ANTE MILICIC-substitute nails in a brace against the Fijians.

NSW's pacey left midfielder, Ante Milicic, nailed in the fifth.

NSW: Gibson: Barrett,

NSW thrashes QLD

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

NSW in cold conditions, ran out as comprehensive 0-3 winners over a somewhat disappointing Queensland in the opening State of Origin soccer match at Perry Park Brisbane last Saturday week.

NSW was the far more efficient side in a somewhat lack-lustered match.

The NSW coach David Ratcliffe, stated to ABSW: "I wasn't too impressed by either side but we did get the goals and we did get the result which was important."

Queensland squandered much possession to NSW.

The 0-3 scoreline flattered Queensland who went down 1-4 to NSW in the corresponding match last year before bouncing back in the second leg at Dubbo in NSW for a 1-2 win.

NSW opened the scoring in the 17th minute when right-back and skipper, David Barrett curled a ball in from the right flank through the Queensland defence.

Barrett's cross caught the home defence flat footed and found the pacey NSW left midfielder Ante Milicic. Milicic hit the target with a low shot from the



Ante Milicic: NSW's pacey left midfielder scored NSW's first goal.

edge of the penalty box past keeper Graham Ross.

Minutes later it was Barrett again delivering a pin-point through-ball from the right wing, but a diving save by Ross kept out a close-range drive from right midfielder, Matthew Horsley.

NSW maintained control for the first half and only bad finishing and some good keeping from Ross kept Queensland barely in the match.

NSW was forced to wait until the final minute of the first half to extend

their lead. Horsley received a long through-ball inside the Queensland box and beat his man before cutting the ball back to blond striker, Mathew Bingley for a simple goal.

NSW extended its lead in the 61st minute with a goal by towering centre-back Nick Orlic who right-footed a Mark Babic flick-on from the near post following a Hristodoulou corner.

NSW goalkeeper Mike Gibson rarely handled the ball during the match with Queensland's best chance coming two minutes after the break when a Darren Hillier corner ricocheted off the post.

The only solace for the Queensland coach Juan Cutillas will be that his side has a chance to make up for their disappointing first up performance, in the return match set down to be played at Coffs Harbour on July 9.

QUEENSLAND: Ross (Dal Santo 88th), Greer, Grodun, Koch, Collins, McNicol (Brockwell 45th), Hillier, Cooley, Battistin (Starr 65th), Jefford, Brawshaw.

NSW Gibson (Mikuletic): Barrett (capt), Babic, Orlic, Tsekenis, Ciantar: Horsley, Hristodoulou (Stanton), Milicic (Zdrilic).

Melbourne Knights

108th in the world



The second best team outside of Europe and South America

Australian champions Melbourne Knights have been ranked the second best club team in the world outside of Europe and South America.

The International Federation of Football History and Statistics (IFFHS) have ranked Australia's league and cup champions 108 in the 12 months to May 31.

Sixty-eighth ranked Esperance Sportivo de Tunis, of the north African nation Tunisia, was the only other club outside of Europe and South America ranked above the Knights.



THE TOP 100 CLUBS

ACCORDING TO THE IFFHS

Ranking	Last year's ranking	Team	Country	Points	(32)	Real Madrid	Spain	172	72	(76)	Rapid Bucharest	Romania	127
1 (1)	Juventus	Italy	355	36 (36)	Odense	Denmark	171.5	73	(57)	Cannes	France	126	
2 (3)	Parma	Italy	352	39 (52)	IFK Gothenberg	Sweden	170.5	74	(73)	AEK Athens	Greece	124	
3 (2)	Paris St Germain	France	345	40 (42)	Sampdoria	Italy	167.5	75	(77)	AS Roma	Italy	122.5	
4 (5)	Ajax Amsterdam	Holland	283	41 (38)	Atletico Medellin	Colombia	163	76	(59)	Werder Bremen	Germany	122	
5 (4)	AC Milan	Italy	272	42 (42)	Cerro Porteno	Paraguay	162	77	(78)	Aston Villa	England	116	
6 (6)	Lazio	Italy	265	43 (40)	Arsenal	England	160	78	(99)	Maritimo	Portugal	114	
7 (8)	Gremio	Brazil	259	44 (41)	Eintracht Frankfurt	Germany	158	79	(62)	Spartak Moscow	Russia	113.5	
8 (9)	Sao Paulo	Brazil	236	46 (46)	Slovan Bratislava	Slovakia	157.5	80	(80)	Trelleborg	Sweden	113	
9 (6)	Manchester United	England	234	46 (64)	Barcelona	Spain	154	81	(73)	FK Austria	Austria	111	
10 (10)	River Plate	Argentina	230	47 (67)	Athletic Bilbao	Spain	154	82	(86)	Alianza Lima	Peru	111	
11 (11)	Independiente	Argentina	223	48 (49)	Everton	England	152	83	(94)	Nottingham Forest	England	110	
12 (15)	Nantes	France	216	48 (26)	Millionarios Bogota	Colombia	151	83	(99)	Grasshopper Zurich	Switzerland	110	
13 (13)	Penarol	Uruguay	216	48 (48)	Casino Salzburg	Austria	150	84	(82)	Metz	France	110	
14 (17)	Velez Sarsfield	Argentina	213	52 (52)	Auxerre	France	150	85	(84)	Dynamo Kiev	Ukraine	110	
15 (20)	Club Brugge	Belgium	211	52 (48)	Bordeaux	France	150	86	(86)	Bolivia	Bolivia	109.5	
16 (12)	Porto	Portugal	210.5	53 (47)	Ferencvarosi	Hungary	150	88	(88)	HJK Helsinki	Finland	109	
17 (16)	Bayer Leverkusen	Germany	208	54 (54)	San Lorenzo	Argentina	146	88	(84)	Kispet-Honved	Hungary	109	
18 (28)	Sporting Cristal	Peru	204	55 (55)	Katowice	Poland	144.5	90	(98)	Fiorentina	Italy	107.5	
19 (23)	Real Zaragoza	Spain	204	56 (61)	Corinthians	Brazil	141	91	(88)	Rosenborg	Norway	107	
20 (14)	Olimpia Asuncion	Paraguay	202.5	57 (62)	Galatasaray	Turkey	138.5	90	(80)	Argentina	107		
21 (10)	Borussia Dortmund	Germany	200	58 (58)	SK Slavia	Czech Republic	138	93	116	Celtic	Scotland	106.5	
22 (17)	Feyenoord	Holland	196.5	59 (77)	B. Monchengladbach	Germany	136	93	(109)	Junior Barranquilla	Colombia	106.5	
23 (24)	Deportivo La Coruna	Spain	190	59 (51)	Colo Colo	Chile	135.5	95	(103)	Emelec	Ecuador	106	
24 (21)	Universidad de Chile	Chile	188.5	61 (56)	Viktoria Zizkov	Czech Republic	134.5	95	(125)	Sion	Switzerland	106	
25 (32)	Hajduk Split	Croatia	187	62 (64)	Boca Juniors	Argentina	134.5	96	(90)	Valencia	Spain	106	
26 (22)	Sporting Lisbon	Portugal	182.5	63 (42)	Blackburn Rovers	England	134	98	(104)	Crystal Palace	England	104	
27 (24)	Newcastle United	England	182	64 (72)	Panathinaikos	Greece	133	99	(92)	Fenerbache	Turkey	103.5	
28 (32)	Napoli	Italy	180	65 (68)	Anderlecht	Belgium	132	100	(109)	Foggia	Italy	102.5	
29 (26)	Kaiserslautern	Germany	180	65 (70)	Stokholm	Sweden	130.5						
30 (36)	Liverpool	England	174	67 (75)	Strasbourg	France	130						
31 (39)	Palmeiras	Brazil	174	68 (71)	Inter Milan	Italy	130						
32 (29)	Universidad Catolica	Chile	188.5	69 (69)	Sporting Lisbon	Portugal	129.5						
33 (30)	Chelsea	England	172	69 (59)	Esperance de Tunis	Tunisia	128						
34 (32)	Bayern Munich	Germany	172	71 (66)	Steaua Bucharest	Romania	128						
					Tottenham Hotspur	England	128						
					Trabzonspor	Turkey	127.5						

108 Melbourne Knights
(Australia)

(List supplied by Sydney soccer journalist Ted Simmons who is a member of IFFHS)

Alistair Edwards succumbs to surgeon's scalpel



BY JOHN ECONOMOS

ALISTAIR EDWARDS, who is currently back in Australia for a short holiday during the English off-season, had high hopes of playing for Australia in the recent Three-Test-Series against Ghana, especially in the last game played last Saturday night at the W.A.C.A. in Perth.

But it was not to be.

Although originally selected

"I was very disappointed to miss out on the Ghanaian matches"

by Australia's coach, Eddie Thomson for the games against Ghana, Edwards found that he had to go under the surgeon's blade almost as soon as he arrived back from England in Perth.

"I was having problems with my groin over the past two or three seasons in Malaysia as well as in England.

"But when I transferred to Millwall in England, with the heavier pitches there, my groin problems seemed to get worse."

stated Edwards from Perth, last night.

"So as soon as I got back in Australia I decided to see a specialist in Perth and he recommended that I undergo surgery almost immediately to save time.

"This was a great disappointment to me as I really wanted to play for Australia against Ghana," Edwards lamented.

Last Thursday week, the former Sydney Olympic ace-

striker, underwent surgery where the specialist carried out repair work to Edwards' Conjoint tendon that was causing most of the problem.

But whilst he had the striker on the operating table, the surgeon also carried out urgently needed repair work on Edwards' Adductor-release also in the groin area.

Last Thursday Edwards visited the Australian team's camp at the Mercury Hotel in Perth where he was well greeted by the squad.

"It was so good to see all the lads once more.

"It was also great to see the Australian team in Western Australia, a state which has been starved of International Soccer for so long.

"Last Friday, the 'West Australian' newspaper carried a lead story on the back page with the Australian captain Paul Wade.

"This was terrific for Soccer's profile to grab the headlines over here," said an excited Edwards.

Edwards together with his wife Gracie and two sons Cameron and Ryan, will depart next week for Singapore on their way back to England to commence pre-season training.

"I want to spend a week in Malaysia and Singapore before we push on for England.

"I want to visit Mehmet Durakovic and Davie Mitchell at Selengor then we are off to England," stated Edwards.

Edwards is enjoying his stint in the England first division Millwall.

It was Australia's World Cup left-back Jason Van Blerk who helped set up Edwards at Millwall.

"I have been friends with Jason for a long time and when he found



Alistair Edwards: Doing promo-shots for one of his personal sponsors, LOTTO.

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out that I had a desire to play in England, he helped me come across," a grateful Edwards stated.

"I played six full games in the first team as well as four F.A.Cup matches.

"Two F.A. Cup matches were against Chelsea and one each against Arsenal and QPR.

"We beat Arsenal 2-0 and then drew 0-0 with Chelsea in the first match.

"In the second match against Chelsea we were leading 1-0 at halftime but they equalised in the second half. We then lost on a penalty shoot-out.

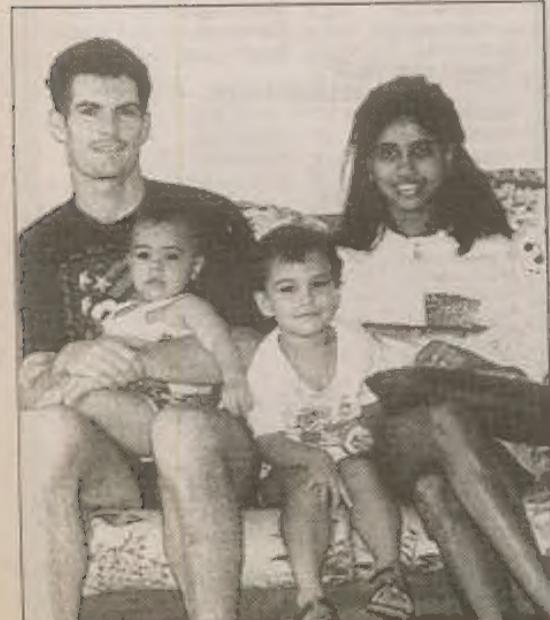
"I made my debut in the first

team against Sheffield United which we drew 1-1 and I played against Carl Veart which was great," reflected Edwards.

Edwards has signed a two year contract with Millwall but if he hasn't settled in fully by December this year he will be allowed a free-clearance.



Alistair Edwards : practising his ball control skills.



The Edwards Family.: (from l to r): Alistair holding Ryan, Cameron and wife Gracie.



Alistair with team-mate Mark Kennedy the 18 year old great talent, who Millwall sold to Liverpool for \$4 million.

ROUND 15		
SUPER LEAGUE FIRST GRADE		
*Bankstown City	N/A	Bonnyrigg WE
Sutherland Sharks	2	Rockdale Suns
Blacktown City	1	Mt Druitt Town
Macarthur Rams	0	Bonnyrigg WE
Leichhardt Tigers	2	Warringah Dolphins
Stanmore Hawks	1	Adamstown Rosebud
Canterbury Berries	1	Illawarra Lions
St George	1	Bankstown City
*Deferred match Round 15		

UNDER 21		
*Bankstown City	4	Bonnyrigg WE
Sutherland Sharks	3	Rockdale Suns
Blacktown City	1	Mt Druitt Town
Macarthur Rams	1	Bonnyrigg WE
Leichhardt Tigers	2	Warringah Dolphins
Stanmore Hawks	1	Adamstown Rosebud
Canterbury Berries	2	Illawarra Lions
St George	P	Bankstown City
*Deferred match Round 15		

UNDER 18		
*Bankstown City	1	Bonnyrigg WE
Sutherland Sharks	2	Rockdale Suns
Blacktown City	0	Mt Druitt Town
Macarthur Rams	1	Bonnyrigg WE
Leichhardt Tigers	1	Warringah Dolphins
Stanmore Hawks	0	Adamstown Rosebud
Canterbury Berries	2	Illawarra Lions
St George	P	Bankstown City
*Deferred match Round 15		

SUPER LEAGUE FIRST GRADE		
Blacktown City	19	12
Warringah	18	10
Leichhardt Tigers	19	11
Sutherland Sharks	19	9
Bankstown City	18	7
Canterbury M'vill	18	7
Illawarra Lions	19	6
Rockdale Suns	18	6
Mt Druitt Town	19	5
Macarthur Rams	19	6
Bonnyrigg Eagles	19	7
St George Saints	18	4
Adamstown R'bud	18	5
Stanmore Hawks	19	3
Canterbury Berries	19	2
Illawarra Lions	19	2
*Bankstown City Lions to be deducted 4 points at the end of the season		

UNDER 21		
Blacktown City	19	14
Bonnyrigg Eagles	19	11
Leichhardt Tigers	18	9
Bankstown City	16	9
Adamstown R'bud	18	8
Sutherland Sharks	18	10
Canterbury M'vill	18	6
Warringah Dolphin	17	7
Rockdale Suns	18	6
Mt Druitt Town	19	5
Stanmore Hawks	18	5
Macarthur Rams	18	3
Illawarra Lions	19	3
St George Saints	17	2
UNDER 18		

UNDER 18		
Blacktown City	19	14
St George Saints	16	9
Canterbury M'vill	18	9
Adamstown R'bud	18	10
Sutherland Sharks	18	10
Bonnyrigg Eagles	19	5
Mt Druitt Town	19	0
Bankstown City	16	7
Macarthur Rams	18	7
Rockdale Suns	18	7
Leichhardt Tigers	18	6
Warringah Dolphin	17	5
Stanmore Hawks	18	4
Illawarra Lions	18	1
ROUND 16		

FEDERATION DIVISION ONE FIRST GRADE		
*Hills United	N/A	Belmore Hercules
Liverpool City	0	Central Coast
Minotaurs	P	Fairfield Bulls
Belmore Hercules	2	Auburn United
Ryde City	1	Sydney Cosmos
Hills United	1	West Wanderers
Mt Pritchard	4	Dulwich Hill
*Deferred match Round 10		

UNDER 21		
*Hills United	N/A	Belmore Hercules
Liverpool City	0	Central Coast
Minotaurs	P	Fairfield Bulls
Belmore Hercules	P	Auburn United
Ryde City	1	Sydney Cosmos
Hills United	1	West Wanderers
Mt Pritchard	1	Dulwich Hill
*Deferred match Round 10		

UNDER 18		
*Hills United	0	Belmore Hercules
Liverpool City	1	Central Coast
Minotaurs	P	Fairfield Bulls
Belmore Hercules	P	Auburn United
Ryde City	1	Sydney Cosmos
Hills United	2	West Wanderers
Mt Pritchard	1	Dulwich Hill
*Deferred match Round 10		

FEDERATION DIVISION ONE FIRST GRADE		
Ryde City Gunners	16	11
Central Coast	15	12
Auburn United	16	9
Belmore Hercules	15	9
Fairfield Bulls	15	8
Hills United	15	7
Dulwich Hill	16	4
Minotaurs	14	6
Mt Pritchard	16	4
West Wanderers	16	5
Sydney Cosmos	16	3
Liverpool City	16	0
*Deferred match Round 10		

TIGERS SNATCH VITAL WIN

BY VINCE BATTIATO

In what was billed as this week's game of the round and a 'must win game' by Leichhardt Tigers' president Tony Raciti earlier in the week, the Leichhardt troops didn't disappoint against hot title contenders Warringah Dolphins at Lambert Park coming away with a well deserved 2-1 victory.

Tigers coach Tony Pezzano was up against his good mate John Kosmina and must have been looking for some sweet revenge after Warringah's 3-0 win over Leichhardt in their first encounter.

The Tigers got off to the best possible start through Anthony Lagrazia, who is making a habit of scoring crucial goals against the top sides, putting them in front after only five minutes.

Lagrazia capitalised on a hesitation at the back by the usually reliable Steve Hickman and slotted the ball past a stranded Matthew Bloomfield to finish this season.

The game was also blessed with the great tussle for supremacy between Tigers defender Craig King and Dolphins scoring machine Stuart Cleary, and it was Cleary who levelled it for the Dolphins in the 54th.

A recent 5-2 demolition of last year's grand finalists

From then on the match was open for the taking with both sides desperate for the win.

The delight this time was to be for Pezzano's boys, with young skipper Scott Xuereb scoring from the spot with six minutes to go.

Leichhardt held on and clinched another crucial win in their battle for Super League supremacy.

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Canterbury, last week's crucial 1-0 win over Rockdale and now a 2-1 away win over lowly Stanmore.

The way they're playing, Adamstown might feel that they're capable of heroics and still make the finals...only time and wins will tell.

In this bottom of the table affair the Buds hit the front just a minute before the break through David Bock.

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ROUND 15		
FEDERATION DIVISION TWO FIRST GRADE		
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Saints the tip for finals

BY GREGORY

Mighty Port Melbourne must be the safest bet in Premier league history for a shot at the finals action.

Even at this stage the beaten grand final team of 1994 could just about fall over and still make the play-offs.

As it stands, the minor premiership is all but theirs, with all the other four places available for the finals series up for grabs.

The next two Premier League rounds will probably decide the hopes of a season.

By Sunday week the story of the home-and-away season will be all but told.

The likelihood is that Buleen Lions, Sunshine Georgies and Altona Magic

Here is the run in for the other sides in the running for a place in the finals (with each club's home games in capitals)

P.M.	A.M.	S.S.	F.	A.	Nth. G.	St. Alb.	FAWK.	SPR'G	Werr.	Werr.	PREST.	St. Alb.
R.19	Don R	FAWK.	Prest.	Grn G	B Hill	St Alb	ATH. G	Alb M	BULL			
R.20	ALT M	FOOTM	ST A	DON R	WEER	GRN G	Sunsh	BOL	Nth G			
R.21	Box H	BULL	Grn G	Alt. M	FAWK.	Don. R	SPR'G	Albion	SUN			
R.22	ALB	Nth G	Don R	Box H	Port M	ALT M	Phse	WERR	SORG			
R.23	Fawk	SUNSH	Alt. M	Albion	BULL	Box H	Werr	PT M	PREST			
R.24	WERR	SORG	Box H	FAWK.	Nth. G.	ALB	GRNG	Bull	St Alb			
R.25	BULL	PREST	Albion	Port M	SUNSH	Fawk	Don. R	Nth. G	Werr			
R.26	Nth. G.	St. Alb.	FAWK.	Werr	Spr'g	PT M	ALT. M	Sunsh	DON. R			

fans can start making plans

for the finals series starting in August. That should be confirmed over the coming fortnight, with fifth place remaining up for grabs.

Recent history shows that

after round 20 of the season there are few changes to the top five make-up from that point to season's end.

In seven of the past eight seasons there has been but one change to the final five

between round 20 and the end of the year.

That still leaves a clutch of clubs in with a chance to break into the Premier League top five make-up from that point to season's end.

Only once in the past decade has a team in the top three at the round 20 mark missed a top five place completely.

The best come from behind effort has been from ninth to fifth in the final weeks of the season, produced by Green Gully in 1989. Out of form Preston is the surprise packet, with last year's champions already all but dismissed from calculations.

The battle for fifth spot is

probably the one to watch and the teams with the inside running for the play-offs appear to be North Geelong, St Albans and possibly Fawkner.

Albion is running out of form at the wrong time and the Redsox play all but one of the other top half dozen sides in the run home.

On analysing the draw for the final weeks of the winter campaign North Geelong and St Albans might take the vacancy down to the wire.

Both teams get four games at the preferred home ground and both clubs only play two games each against the current top four clubs.

After that the Saints hold the edge, with four of its other six games against teams in the last five also-ran class. North Geelong's run is harder, with four games against teams around it in the chase for the finals and only two against the also-rans.

The pivotal battle for fifth place might be fought out this coming weekend, when the Warriors and Saints go head to head at Churchill Reserve.

My final five: Port Melbourne Sharks, Altona Magic, Sunshine Georgies, Buleen Lions and St Albans Saints.

You read it here first.

Here is how they've finished in recent seasons (teams with * changed places in top five between round 20 and end of season)

1994 (26 GAME SEASON)

ROUND 20	PTS	ROUND 26	PTS
Buleen	31	Preston	40
Preston	29	Buleen	37
Altona M	28	Port Melb	36
Port Melb	25	Altona M	36
Green Gully	21*	Sunshine G*	30
Sunshine G	7th — 19 points		
— One change			

1993 (26 GAME SEASON)

ROUND 20	PTS	ROUND 26	PTS
Buleen	27	Buleen	37
Fawkner	26	Fawkner	33
Springvale*	26	Nth Cee ong	33
Nth Geelong	25	Sunshine G*	32
St Albans	23	St Albans	30
Sunshine G	7th — 22 points		
— One change			

1992 (26 GAME SEASON)

ROUND 20	PTS	ROUND 26	PTS
Nth Geelong	29	Nth Geelong	35
Brunswick J	26	Buleen	33
Buleen	25	Brunswick J	33
Green Gully	24	Green Gully	32
Sunshine G*	23	Fawkner*	31
Fawkner	6th — 23 points		
— One change			

1991 (26 GAME SEASON)

1990 (34 GAME SEASON)

ROUND 20	PTS	ROUND 34	PTS
Heidelberg	27	Heidelberg	50
Croydon	27	Brunswick J	48
Altona M	26	Altona M	47
Brunswick J	25	Green Gully	42
Green Gully	24	Fawkner*	40
Fawkner	6th — 24 points		
— One change			

1989 (30 GAME SEASON)

1988 (30 GAME SEASON)

ROUND 20	PTS	ROUND 30	PTS
Croydon	31	Marwell	45
Brunswick J	31	Brunswick J	44
Marwell	29	Croydon	41
St Albans	27	St Albans	39
Altona M	26	Green Gully*	36
Green Gully	25	Caulfield	35
Croydon	7th — 21 points		
— One change			

1987 (28 GAME SEASON)

1986 (28 GAME SEASON)

ROUND 20	PTS	ROUND 28	PTS
Heidelberg	26	Heidelberg	39
St Albans	25	Croydon*	37
Caulfield	24	Green Gully	36
Thomastown*	24	St Albans	36
Green Gully	23	Caulfield	35
Croydon	7th — 21 points		
— One change			

1985 (30 GAME SEASON)

1984 (30 GAME SEASON)

ROUND 20	PTS	ROUND 30	PTS
Polonia	29	Polonia	42
Green Gully	27	Green Gully	39
Fawkner	27	Fawkner	37
St Albans	26	Caulfield	35
St Albans	24	St Albans	34
— No changes			

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VICTORIAN PREMIER LEAGUE

PORT
MELBOURNE 2
GREEN GULLY 0

BY DWYGH
TUFFNELL

Port Melbourne's unbeaten run was extended to 18 games after a 2-0 win over the plucky Green Gully Cavaliers at Anderson Reserve on Sunday.

Green Gully pushed the Sharks all the way not allowing Port dangerman Sava Rusmir to have his usual influence over the match.

Sharks hit-man Nick Tsaltas found the target for the 10th time this season profiting from a Nick Papadopoulos lay-off.

The Cavaliers had the edge in the early stages of the second half, Tony Neceski in particular proving himself to be a nuisance for the Port defence.

Neceski didn't get much help from Joe Tricarico and Daniel Genovesi, both were kept very quiet for the entire match.

Papadopoulos then ended any hopes of a Gully revival with a simple tap in from a George Sigos cross after 67 minutes.

SHARKS: Anastasiadis, Argyriou, Dimitrelos, Kyriakopoulos, Fak, Sigos, Palamaras, Tsaltas (Kotzagiannidis), Papadopoulos, Rusmir, Georgiadis (Pasakos). CAVALIERS: Vella, Spiteri, Crodden (Cimino), Brown, Campelj, Chetcuti, Maglovski (Scoble), Davis, Tricarico, Neceski, Genovesi. REFEREE: Andrew Stacey VOTES: 3 Tsaltas, 2 Papadopoulos, 1 Neceski.

TOP VOTES

ABSW PASCOE VALLEY
SPDTS SCENE PLAYER
OF THE YEAR

- 19 S Rusmir (Port Melb)
- 15 G Stenson (Sunshine)
- 14 T Podeljak (St Albans)
- 13 Z Markovski (Green Gully)
- 12 C Emovski (Altona)
- 11 N Papadopoulos (Port melb)
- 10 A Deak (North Geelong)
- 9 R Brian (Albion)
- 8 V Trpcic (Altona)
- 7 J Skoko (North Geelong)
- 6 P Harris (Altona)
- 5 J Androuliadakis (Werribee)
- 4 A Sherifovski (Sunshine)
- 3 G Lenetis (Bulleen)

PRESTON 0
NORTH
GEELONG 3

BY LUKE BUTTIGIEG

The North Geelong Warriors recovered from a sluggish opening half to rout the Preston Lions 3-0 at windswept Connor Reserve.

The turning point of the match came late in the first half, when Preston's Sash Beccinovski failed to convert a penalty and from then on it was all North Geelong.

Olyroo Josip Skoko opened the scoring in the 55th minute, his looping free-kick beating the Lions defensive wall and leaving keeper Bobby Simic stranded.

A collision between Simic and Preston defender Robert Spasevski 18 minutes later gave Warrior George Dimovski one of the easiest goals of his career. Ante Deak rounded off the scoring for North Geelong with a clever header in the 79th minute.

Preston on the other hand were left to lament what might have been after they dominated the first half. Up to six chances were missed through poor finishing and the efforts of Warriors keeper Marijan Vunderl and defender Robert Cosic.

P.LIONS: Simic, Spasevski, Stojcevski, (Ilevski), Cubitt, Pender, Trajceski, Romanovski, Sterjovski, Beccinovski, McAleer, Lane (Chioldo).

WARRIORS: Vunderl, Bot, O'Sullivan, Medved, Cosic, McAuliffe, Pandzic (Kules), Dimovski, A Skoko, J Skoko, Deak.

REFEREE: Michael

Premier League LADDER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
PORT MELBOURNE	18	15	3	0	40	10	48
ALTONA MAGIC	18	11	3	4	29	21	36
SUNSHINE GEORGIES	18	8	6	4	28	20	30
BULLEEN LIONS	18	8	6	4	21	15	30
NTH GEELONG WARRIORS	18	8	4	6	23	16	28
FAWKNER BLUES	18	7	5	6	17	21	25
ALBION REDSOX	18	6	4	8	19	25	25
ST ALBANS SAINTS	18	6	4	8	24	20	22
GREEN GULLY CAVALIERS	18	5	6	7	19	21	21
PRESTON LIONS	18	4	6	8	18	25	18
SPRINGVALE CITY VALES	18	4	6	8	21	33	18
BOX HILL INTER	18	4	5	9	14	21	17
WERRIE BEES	18	3	5	10	19	31	14
DONCASTER ROVERS	18	2	7	9	12	25	13

TOP SCORERS

12. V Trpcic (Altona M)	7. D Podeljak (St Albans)
10. N Tsaltas (Port Melb)	D White (Bulleen)
8. G Sigos (Port Melb)	T Calle (Box Hill)
J Surk (Werribee)	6. D Gajic (Fawkner)
C Lewis (Sunshine)	S Beccinovski (Preston)
7. D Genovesi (Green Gully)	T Rizopoulos (Port Melb)

Calfapietra
VOTES: 3 J Skoko, 2 Cosic, 1 Deak

FAWKNER 2
DONCASTER 1

BY NICK TZAFERIS

A close-range Mark Recchia header five minutes from full-time cruelly dealt a severe blow to the Doncaster Rovers whose endeavours performance warranted at least a draw.

The Rovers tried valiantly in a spiteful clash that had referee Cain Naumcevski trying to maintain order all afternoon.

Rino Minichello, playing in an unaccustomed striking role, netted the opener after 18 minutes with a brave header before the Rovers began to assert their supremacy.

Fierce drives from Andy Greenwood and Jim McBride struck the woodwork before former Blue Joe O'Donnell expertly curled home an equaliser after receiving a John Berdenis pass.

But Recchia's late header stole the points leaving the Rovers stunned and coach Dave O'Connor once again frustrated with the result.

"It's the same thing week in week out.....we played them off the park today," O'Connor said.

BLUES: Janssen, Crivari, Gouli, Ferla, Schipano, Branov, Bordignon, Kuzman (Gasparini), Gnjidic, Minichello, Banini (Recchia).

ROVERS: Clarke, Wallace, Hennessey, Healy, Peel, McBride, McGachey, Greenwood, O'Donnell, Haloucas (Berdenis), Ristevski.

REFEREE: Cain Naumcevski VOTES: 3 McBride, 2 Greenwood, 1 Ristevski

ALBION 2 ALTONA 3

BY JOHN RIGAS

After completing his commitments with the Socceros, lethal striker John Markovski boarded a midnight flight from Perth back to Melbourne to make his first full appearance for Altona this season.

Markovski made his presence felt in the 26th minute as he latched onto a Nick Georgeopoulos through-ball, Markovski sweetly placed the ball past keeper Robert Brian.

Magic's midfielder wizard Chris Emovski increased the visitors lead in the 43rd minute when he met a Danny Madarovski pass to go on and beat two players before beating Brian from 20 yards.

Georgeopoulos completed the Altona scoring with a shot that curled past Brian in the 54th minute.

Albion hit back in the 57th minute when a John Grimaud cross found the waiting Martin Collins who powered his header past keeper Darren McGrath. Ozan Fehmi added the second goal in the 84th minute with a header after he received a pass from Sonny Sevin.

RED SOX: Brian, Gurniar, Grimaud, Osman, Lucchesi, Wilson, Sevin, Collins, Villani, Popovski (Fehmi), Kuyucuogullari.

MAGIC: McGrath, Cvetkovski, Tasavski, Runje

(Bogoevski), Harris, T Markovski, Velkovski, Madarovski (Georgievski), J Markovski, Georgeopoulos. REFEREE: John Fraser VOTES: 3 Grimaud, 2 Georgeopoulos, 1 Fehmi.

combined to score and give Box Hill Inter a 1-0 win over the Werribee Bees in a scrappy and error ridden game at Wembley Park on Sunday.

In a somewhat disappointing match, characterised by mistakes at crucial times, the Bees failed to capitalise on more scoring chances mainly due to the great work of Box Hill keeper Kevin Baker.

The sole goal occurred in the 73rd minute when Calle headed a Psarros cross into the back of the net to complete a fantastic goal that brought the Box Hill crowd to their feet.

Werribee had many chances to score, both in early and later stages of the game, and coach Charlie Egan thought his side should have won but paid credit to the keeping of Baker.

John Vallese, Paul Donnelly, Steve Douglas and Ian Calderwood were the best for the Bees. INTER: Baker, Mazzini, D Tartaglia, Pansino (Impellizzeri), Castro, Dal Ben, Inglese, Roodhouse, Guscic, Calle, Psarros.

BEES: Giatas, Napoli, Vallese, Carraro, Smart, Donnelly, Stojcevski, Androuliadakis, Douglas, Calderwood, Suric.

REFEREE: Peter Pavatsides VOTES: 3 Psarros, 2 Baker 1 Calderwood.

THIS WEEKS VICTORIAN PREMIER LEAGUE GAMES

SUNDAY
Doncaster Rovers -v- Port Melbourne Sharks
Box Hill Inter -v- Albion Redsox
Altona Magic -v- Fawkner Blues
Green Gully Cavaliers -v- Bulleen Lions
St Albans -v- North Geelong Warriors
Preston Lions -v- Sunshine Georgies
Werribee Bees -v- Springvale City Vales

PREMIER LEAGUE ROUND 18 RESULTS

Bulleen Lions 1 (Di Iorio) -v- St Albans Saints 0
Port Melbourne Sharks 2 (Tsaltas, Papadopoulos) -v- Green Gully Cavaliers 0
Albion Redsox 2 (Collins, Fehmi) -v- Altona Magic 3 (Markovski, Emovski, Georgeopoulos)
Box Hill Inter 1 (Calle) -v- Werribee Bees 0
Preston Lions 0 -v- North Geelong Warriors 3 (Skoko, Dimovski, Deak)
Fawkner Blues 2 (Minichello, Recchia) -v- Doncaster Rovers 1 (O'Donnell)
Sunshine Georgies 3 (Lewis 3) -v- Springvale City Vales (Grella, Nilo, McClenaghan)



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VICTORIAN LADIES

**PREMIER LEAGUE RESERVES**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	APT
Gr. Gully Cavil.	18	14	2	2	42	19	44
Preston Lions	17	11	0	6	48	22	33
Fawkner Blues	18	10	3	5	40	32	33
Sun. Georgies	18	9	3	6	36	25	30
Bulleen Lions	16	9	3	4	33	22	30
St Alb. Saints	18	8	5	4	32	23	30
Altona Magic	18	9	2	7	32	29	29
Pt. Meib. Sharks	17	7	3	7	23	25	24
Spr. City Vales	18	6	3	7	29	28	23
Werribee Bees	18	6	5	7	25	25	23
Don'ter Rovers	18	4	6	8	29	37	18
Box Hill Inter	18	4	3	11	26	42	15
Albion Redsox	18	2	3	13	25	57	9
Nt. Geel. Warrior	18	2	2	14	13	47	8

NUNAWADING CITY

Nunawading City	14	4	1	9	13	30	13
East Richmond	15	3	4	8	21	43	13
Bell Park	15	4	1	10	14	43	13
Ringwood City	15	4	0	11	26	48	12
Chelsea	13	1	2	10	13	46	5

STATE THREE FIRSTS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	APT
Westvale	15	11	3	1	47	16	36
Sth Dandenong	15	10	3	2	43	14	33
Sth Werribee	15	8	3	4	25	21	27
Melb. City	14	8	2	4	25	18	26

STATE THREE RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	APT
Seaford Utd	15	5	2	8	26	39	17
Banyule	15	5	1	9	28	36	16
Sunbury Utd	15	2	4	9	13	32	10
Sandringham	15	0	5	10	13	33	2

STATE ONE RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	APT
West. Suburbs	15	7	4	4	20	17	22
Westgate	15	5	5	5	24	22	20
Croydon City	15	5	5	5	24	24	17
Northcote City	15	5	5	5	21	21	17

STATE ONE RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	APT
Frank. Pines	15	4	4	7	20	22	16
Caulfield City	15	4	4	7	21	27	16
Oakleigh	15	5	1	9	18	27	16
Broadmeadows	14	2	4	8	20	24	10

STATE ONE RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	APT
Knox City	14	1	3	10	13	35	6
STATE TWO FIRSTS							
P	W	D	L	F	A	APT	
Sp. White Eagles	15	11	3	1	33	12	36
Moorabbin City	15	10	4	1	30	8	34
Waverley City	15	8	5	2	32	13	29
Ess. Brun. Royals	15	9	5	1	40	22	29
Regent Bulla	15	6	6	3	26	16	24
Bell Park	15	6	3	6	17	21	21
Nunawading City	15	4	6	5	12	21	18
Altona East	15	4	5	6	20	17	17
East Richmond	14	4	5	5	12	20	17
Chelsea	15	4	3	8	18	26	15
Mooroolbark	15	3	5	7	14	29	14
Ringwood City	15	3	2	10	14	28	11
Altona City	15	2	5	8	13	29	11
Clifton Hill	14	1	1	12	9	28	4

STATE TWO RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	APT
Moorabbin City	15	12	2	1	56	14	38
Waverley City	15	11	1	3	47	14	34
Altona City	15	11	1	3	43	23	34
Regent Bulla	15	9	2	4	47	19	29
Sp. White Eagles	14	8	2	4	23	13	26
Ess. Brun. Royals	14	8	4	2	34	10	25
Mooroolbark	15	6	1	8	28	34	19
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Altona East	15	4</td					

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

WITH
RICHARD
KREIDERCUP-HOLDERS TO MEET
FREMANTLE

Spearwood Dalmatinac, four time winners and current D'Orsogna Cup holders, have drawn fellow first division side Fremantle City away, in the quarter-finals which are scheduled to be played in the first week of September.

In the only other Division One clash, Inglewood Falcons have a home tie against Floreat Athena.

Division Two club Dianella White Eagles, who caused a boilover in the previous round by knocking out first division highflyers Swan IC, have been paired with lowly Stirling Panthers, while Sorrento, who have never featured in a grand final, will take on 1986 finalists Kingsway Olympic.

D'Orsogna Cup Qtr. Final draw

Fremantle City	v	Spearwood Dalmatinac
Inglewood Falcons	v	Floreat Athena
Dianella White Eagles	v	Stirling Panthers
Sorrento	v	Kingsway Olympic

WARD ANSWERS CITY
EMERGENCY

Bayswater City have appointed John Ward as their senior coach, following the resignation of Aldo Trinca last week. This is the second occasion Ward has been at the helm of Bayswater, he was there for a short time eight years ago when he guided the side to their only trophy to date — the pre-season Night Series tournament.

City are currently languishing in the relegation zone after just two wins in eight outings.

"If I had a choice to coach any one of the bottom three clubs, it would still be Bayswater," he said. "I've simply got to start afresh and make them enjoy it again. What people don't realise is that the club are only a couple of wins away from the top. They can only see our current position."

After a playing career with Sutton-Coldfield in England's Birmingham Leagues, Ward's first coaching role was assistant coach at Western Suburbs NSW when he migrated to Australia in 1972.

He moved to the West four years later, where he led Kingsway Olympic to league titles in 1978 and '80, plus numerous other trophies over a four year period. In 1986, Ward was also in charge of Western Australia's only side to win the National Under 19 Youth Championships. Before that, Ward worked with the Queensland Soccer Federation during the early 80s, returned to Perth in 1985, coached Floreat Athena the following season before joining Bayswater in 1987. He left the club mid-season to take up the role of State Director of Coaching which he still occupies, but it has since been down-sized to a part-time position.

SORRENTO FALL TO FLOREAT

The Professional Soccer Federation First Division race has once again been thrown wide open after a second week of perplexing results involving the leading three title challengers.

Sorrento are the latest team to topple from the top following a dramatic 1-0 home loss to a 10-man Floreat Athena side at the Percy Doyle Reserve ground on Saturday.

A last gasp opportunist strike by

Dean Nicolaou was the only difference between two evenly matched teams.

Referee Arthur Gregory was struck with yellow fever, handing no less than 11 cautions, even though this encounter proved to be far from aggressive. State and Floreat forward Slobodan Despotovski was shown the red card in the 70th minute when he received the second of two soft yellow card decisions.

After an uninspiring opening half, both sides saved their best for the closing stages of the game. With a draw looming, Athena defender Sean Lynch pumped a deep 87th minute free-kick off the centre-line and into the goalmouth. Gulls goalie Mike Harkness made a clean aerial catch, but the ball slipped from his clutches on the way down, enabling a grateful Nicolaou to tap home the simplest of goals.

FALCONS WIN MINUS RHYTHM

Inglewood Falcons made hard work of their 3-0 win against strugglers Bayswater City at Bayswater Oval.

It was only wayward finishing together with smart goalkeeping by Peter Kolikow, which prevented Inglewood from inflicting City with a possible cricket score.

Alan McTurk made an immediate impact on the match with a goal inside three minutes, that was created out of a deep Paul Strudwick throw.

A one-two with Paul Wormley, enabled the classy state midfielder to finish the move off with a lethal low drive that found the mark off an upright.

Inglewood were two up just four minutes later after Bayswater's veteran stopper Graham Normanton stumbled on the ball, Strudwick punished the error by swooping on the stray ball, before rippling the back of the net with a sizzling strike.

After Jason Ainsley, Strudwick and McTurk squandered further opportunities, it was left up to Wormley to drive home the final nail seven minutes from time with a neatly placed drive.

Meanwhile, Perth blew a golden opportunity to lead the pack after suffering a shock 3-1 defeat to bottom side Fremantle City at the WA Portuguese Club.

John Costa put Perth in front, but City responded in emphatic fashion with goals from Jason Loryman, Aykut Sadat and Dale Brewerton to give them their first win of the season.

In the Sunday clash, at Dalmatinac Park, Swan IC recorded an emphatic 3-1 victory over Spearwood Dalmatinac, a result which left them into second place behind the Lions.

In a fast and furious encounter, Terry Worsfold opened the visitors account in the 37th minute, before the home side equalised seconds before the interval through Gary Murray.

Worsfold put away his and Swan's second in the 66th minute, but found himself on a stretcher seven minutes later suffering concussion and a rib injury after a collision with Spearwood 'keeper Robert Zabica.

Peter Murphy secured the three points with an 80th minute penalty, when Paul Blakely dumped substitute Mickey Cairns inside the area.

PSF DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Stirling Lions	8	5	1	2	24	12	16
Swan IC	8	5	1	2	23	12	16
Inglewood	8	5	1	2	17	17	16
Sorrento	8	4	3	2	24	12	15
Spearwood	9	4	2	3	26	15	14
Perth	8	4	2	2	15	11	14
Floreat	9	4	1	4	17	19	13
Bayswater	9	2	2	5	11	30	8
Panthers	9	1	3	5	13	20	6
Fremantle	9	1	0	8	8	30	3

LIONS WIN A
STIRLING
BATTLE

Stirling Macedonia overcame a gallant and gutsy Stirling Panthers side at the Osborne Park ground with a 2-0 triumph, although they had to wait until the final 15 minutes before they could call victory their own.

The Lions eventually broke a tense end-to-end tussle in the 37th minute with a Gary Lees goal, who returned a weak corner clearance from Panthers 'keeper Le Tissier into the net.

But the relegation threatened Panthers refused to fold and came close to equalising two minutes after the restart when a Keegan Ashley centre was back-headed by Rob Peruzzi towards Rene de Koning who was only denied success because of a quality save by Rob Pucovski.

In the 71st minute, the defending champions put the match out of the home side's reach when they were awarded a penalty after Frank De Costa brought down Scott Devine.

Midfield maestro Norrie Sutton easily slotted home the match winning goal.

COMMONWEALTH
BANK BILL
TURNER CUP

ROUND 4: Holy Cross 1-5 bt Gilroy College 1-4, Oakhill 3 bt North Sydney 0, Pat Bros Fairfield 2 bt Pat Bros Blacktown 0, Homebush 3 bt Marrickville 1, Hurstville 6 bt DLS Caringbah 0, Menai 2 bt Waverley College 1, St Agnes 2 bt Blacktown 0, Emmaus College 3 bt Winmalee 0, Liverpool Boys 2 bt Freeman 1, Westfields 5 bt Eilderslie 0, Lambton 5 bt Broadmeadow 0, Lisarow 3 bt Umina 1, Daramalan 2 bt Eden 1, Belconnen 4 bt Marist Pearce 0, Griffith 6 bt Yanco Ag 0, Wodonga Cath 2 bt Albury 0, Holy Spirit 5 bt Nowra 1.

ROUND 3: Holy Cross 3 bt Malivina 0, Pat Bros Blacktown 4 bt Parramatta Marist 0, Menai 3 bt Randwick 1, Byron Bay 4 bt Alstonville 2, Kingscliff 2-4 bt Murwillumbah 2-3, Grafton 6 bt St Marys Casino 0, Richmond River 1 bt Trinity 0, Umina 2 bt The Entrance 1, Lisarow 3 bt Erina 0, Daramalan 10 bt Queanbeyan 1, Delroy 3 bt Red Bend 0, 5th Dubbo 1-5 bt Dubbo 1-4, Canobolas 2 bt St Stanislaus 1, Orange 4 bt Kelso 1, Griffith 5 bt Gundagai 0, Yanco Ag 13 bt Colleambally 1, Albury 5 bt Mt Austin 2, Wodonga Cath 4 bt Marian Coll 0, Keira 6 bt Lake Illawarra 2, Woonona 1 bt Kiama 0, Nowra 3 bt Ulladulla 1, Holy Spirit 7 bt Warrawong 2.

ROUND 4: Emmaus College 3 bt Winmalee 0, Liverpool Boys 2 bt Freeman 1, Farrar 1 bt Gunnedah 0, Duval 2 bt Macintyre 1, Grafton 6 bt Byron Bay 0, Kempsey 0-4 bt Orara 0-3, Wauchope 3 bt Chatham 0, Mount View 0-4 bt Maitland 0-2, Belmont 2 bt Whitebridge 1.

Veart admits big improvements

BY TED SIMMONS OF AFP

Striker Carl Veart made a successful return for Australia in the three-match series against Ghana.

Veart last played for the Socceroos in May last year when they lost 1-0 against France in Japan and has since been with Sheffield United in the English first division.

"It's been a long year away as well as a long learning year," said Veart.

"I'm physically and mentally stronger than when I played for Adelaide City and Australia because you have to improve in English football to survive."

"The game is very cut-throat on the European scene and my performance has picked up considerably."

Veart, scored 11 goals for Sheffield to finish second top scorer in the club and will look to extending his international tally against the Black Stars.

He said training in England was very different to Australia with concentration on speed, quick ball movement and control.

"When I receive the ball

now, I value it more than I did in Australia and make sure I don't give it away," he said.

"A player only has time for a couple of touches as the game is very fast and the defenders are generally big."

"Some critics rubbish the game as 'kick and run' but it is entertaining and pleases the supporters."

Veart still has two years of his contract to run with Sheffield which finished eighth in the first division.

He will return for club pre-season training at the end of this month which will last almost five weeks before the start of the competition.

One of his biggest thrills in the past season was an FA Cup match where his team lost 2-0 to Manchester United after having a player sent off in the 10th minute.

"We did really well and it could have been a lot closer if the player had not been sent off," he said.

"Last season, Sheffield played 46 games, sometimes two a week. I'm not sure national league clubs here would survive that many games as semi-professionals if they extended the NSL season to three rounds."



Carl Veart: "I'm physically and mentally stronger than when I played for Adelaide City."

SAAD COMING
HOME

Australian soccer star who was convicted of match fixing while playing for Singapore's national team will return home as soon as he can, a newspaper reported last Friday.

Lebanese-born Abbas Saad has been returned his passport, seized by police soon after his arrest earlier this year, the New Paper said.

Saad's June 10 conviction ended his soccer career in the Malaysian league after the Football Association of Singapore banned him for life. He was fined 50,000 Singapore dollars (about same \$A) by a court, escaping the maximum punishment of a five-year jail term.

"All I want to do is to tie up a few loose ends here and go home," Saad told the New Paper.

He said he has not seen his family for six months.

Saad, 27, was found guilty of conspiring to fix seven games between March and April 1994 in the Football Association of Malaysia Premier League, which comprised 14 Malaysian teams plus Singapore and Brunei.

Saad said he was innocent.

QUEENSLAND XXXX LEAGUE

DIVISION XXXX LEAGUE

Round 14

Rochedale Rovers	1	Pine Rivers United	1
Eastern Suburbs	0	Brisbane Lions	3
North Star	3	Coaststars	1
Brisbane City	1	Wynnum District	1
North Brisbane	1	Grange Thistle	2
Willowburn	0	Taringa Rovers	2

Placings

Brisbane City	14	11	2	1	38	15
Rochedale Rovers	14	10	3	1	34	9
Taringa Rovers	14	9	1	4	25	16
Brisbane Lions	14	7	6	1	28	12
North Star	14	8	2	4	29	27
Wynnum District	14	7	1	■	23	20
Coaststars	14	5	2	7	19	21
Grange Thistle	14	4	1	9	20	31
Eastern Suburbs	14	3	2	9	13	33
Pine Rivers United	14	1	7	■	14	23
Willowburn	14	2	2	10	18	41
North Brisbane	14	1	3	10	13	26

DIVISION 2 — Round 14

Beenleigh	4	Souths United	4
Ipswich St Helens United	2	Nerang	0
Mount Gravatt	2	Rocklea United	2
Logan City Kings	0	Acacia Ridge	0
St Albans	1	Uni of QLD	0
Inala City United	4	Olympic United	3

Placings

Beenleigh	14	10	3	1	49	21
Ipswich St Helens United	14	8	2	4	33	21
Rocklea United	14	8	2	4	25	14
Nerang	14	8	1	5	25	17
Logan City Kings	14	7	2	5	28	24
Acacia Ridge	14	6	4	4	23	21
St Albans	14	7	0	7	25	21
Olympic United	14	6	2	6	17	22
Mount Gravatt	14	4	3	7	20	25
Inala City United	14	4	2	8	21	36
Souths United	14	3	2	9	19	35
University of Queensland	14	1	1	12	12	40

DIVISION 3 — Round 14

Slacks Creek	2	Latrobe Athletic	0
Redlands United	1	North Pine United	0
Clairvaux	1	Newmarket	0
Annerley Recreation	1	Goodna & Districts	3
The Gap	1	Capalaba	1
Mitchelton	2	Albany Creek Excelsior	3

Placings

Capalaba	14	11	3	0	38	12
Albany Creek Excelsior	14	10	1	3	36	13
Slacks Creek	14	8	3	3	27	11
The Gap	14	7	3	4	27	16
Mitchelton	14	7	1	6	23	21
Goodna & Districts	14	7	1	6	23	22
Redlands United	14	6	2	6	17	21
Annerley Recreation	14	6	1	7	20	25
Newmarket	14	4	3	7	18	22
Clairvaux	14	4	1	9	15	31
Latrobe Athletic	14	1	4	9	18	34
North Pine United	14	1	1	12	5	39

DIVISION 4 — Round 14

Pine Hills	0	Moggill United	1
Oxley United	1	Ipswich City	3
Loganholme	0	Western Suburbs	0
South Star	1	Samford	1
Redcliffe City	5	Brothers United	1
Southside Eagles	0	Darra United	1

Placings

Western Suburbs	14	10	3	1	28	10
Darra United	14	10	1	3	32	9
Moggill United	14	9	2	3	37	14
Redcliffe City	14	9	1	4	38	21
Southside Eagles	14	9	1	4	26	10
Samford	14	6	2	6	26	28
Brothers United	14	4	4	6	26	29
South Star	14	4	4	6	19	27
Ipswich City	14	4	3	7	18	31
Loganholme	14	3	3	8	18	27
Pine Hills	14	0	5	9	14	33
Oxley United	14	1	1	12	11	54

COFS HARBOUR

NORTH COAST PREMIER LEAGUE DIVISION 1

Coffs City United	11	8	2	1	30	9	26
Sawtell Scorpions	10	5	2	3	18	19	17
Port United	9	5	1	3	21	12	16
Macleay Valley Rangers	9	5	0	4	15	13	15

Urunga Raiders	9	4	1	4	15	15	13
Woolgoolga	10	2	0	8	9	27	6
Westlawn Tigers	9	1	2	7	13	26	5

Coffs City United continued their charge for their third minor premiership in a row when they beat the Urunga Raiders 2-1 to go 9 points clear at the top of the North Coast Premier League Division 1.

Urunga, hoping to peg back United's uniform run and make their own charge into the top four, despite being urged on by their vocal following, could not find the edge to knock over the champion's.

United are on a roll and despite the loss of several keys players from last season's side, they continue to forge ahead in a disciplined way. United's Daves Steakhouse man of the match, Brett Adams, continues to motivate and impress, his personal determination on the field is infectious.

In the upset of the round, the Westlawn Tigers sank second placed Sawtell Scorpion's 4-2 for their first win of the season. The Scorpion's started the match trailing Coffs City United by six points and maybe it was the pressure of staying in touch with the leaders that led to them playing error ridden football.

At half time, the Tigers took a 1-nil lead into the break courtesy of Curt Dixon goal. In the second half they increased their lead to 4-1 with further goals from Saun Bartlett (2) and Steve Riddell, with Mark Carroll replying for the Scorpion's.

Carroll grabbed another one for the Scorpion's to bring the score back to 4-2 in the last ten minutes, but despite the late rally from Sawtell, the Tigers held on for a much deserved win.

Carroll was the Scorpion's Sawtell Hotel man of the match while Saun Bartlett was the Coffs Cordials man of the match.

The match of the round between third placed Port United and fourth placed Macleay Valley Rangers was postponed due to a water-logged pitch.

NORTHERN NEW SOUTH WALES

NBN SOCCER LEAGUE — PLACINGS

Weston Workers Bears	10	8	1	1	
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The World's 14 Best Players

(According to the football Bible, *World Soccer*)

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Born October 1, 1966, in Monrovia, Liberia
Previous clubs Young Survival, Invincible XI
(Liberia), Tonnerre (Cameroon), Monaco,
Paris St. Germain

GEORGE WEAH is probably the finest African footballer in the game today. But his Liberian nationality has denied him the opportunity of enhancing his international status. Instead, Weah's fame relies entirely on his achievements in Europe. Now that he has joined AC Milan his status is guaranteed to increase.

A balding outside-left who has moved into an across-the-attack style

and in 1985 moved to France. Weah grew up in the backstreets of Monrovia, one of nine children. His father died young and Weah found it difficult balancing the needs of home against the love of barefoot football. Eventually, he went to live with his grandmother, who allowed him all the football-playing freedom he wanted.

At 14 he was making a local reputation in Clara Town. Third Division club Young Survival offered him a trial and his goals took Young Survival up into the Second Division. Another 31 goals earned a transfer to Invincible XI of the First Division and then, within a year, to top C Division club Tonnerre.

In 1988 Weah moved to Monaco, where he scored 20 goals in 22 games, helping the brilliant team to the title.

Monaco lost 4-3-4 in the final of the European Cup, but Weah scored a hat-trick. French national coach Raymond Domenech offered his name to Monaco.

Weah moved again and hit a hat-trick for Monaco in the club's 4-0 win over Liverpool in the 1991 European Cup final.

He has now joined AC Milan and is a success in New York, keeps horses, breeds and educates his children.

AC MILAN & LIBERIA



WOMEN'S WRITES

BY GLENNE MAE

Country's top young talent on show

AUSTRALIAN WOMENS SOCCER ASSOCIATION



Converging on wintry Hobart later this week will be Australia's best young footballers, the future of our international success, to battle it out for the title of Australian Junior Champions from July 2-8. NSW will be eager to maintain the State's near

perfect junior record, although this may prove far from easy.

Being the first National Championships since the establishment of the Intensive Training Centre (ITC) program in five AWSA States, this particular Championship now becomes a real testing ground for the

early progress and effectiveness of the programs in talent identification and junior development.

All Australian Championships now take on this new significance, particularly at Junior and Youth levels. It may well turn out that we will start to

see the smaller States becoming more competitive with the traditional powers.

At this stage however, NSW and Queensland, last year's finalists, remain strong favourites to snare the title. However, one State determined to cause a few upsets is host Tasmania. The islanders

have quite an impressive record at junior level for such a small player base. Last year they finished equal fourth, and placed third in 1993 and second in 1987.

With home turf advantage and a good preparation, Tasmania may well surprise again. Coach

Colin Francis has put in some serious work with his team, attempting to instil a more competitive attitude throughout the group. For the second year, Francis has prepared his youngsters by competing week to week in a boys' Under 14 league, a move certain to sharpen the skills and thinking of the girls.

"Competing in a boy's competition is more realistic than just having endless training sessions," said Francis. "It gives them a goal to aim for, such as winning a premiership."

Players to watch in the Tasmanian side include Zoe Nolan, named in last year's Australian Junior Squad, Elizabeth Ratcliffe, Shelley Cook and Anna Mitchell.

Mitchell is the only member of the team who has played all her football against boys. "And it shows," says Francis. "Girls who have played against boys seem to have a completely different style of play."

NATIONAL JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

DRAW

July 2-8, Athletics Centre, Hobart

NSW
Victoria
Queensland
South Australia
Tasmania
ACT
Northern NSW

SUNDAY JULY 2ND

9.30	NSW	v	Queensland
11.00	ACT	v	Northern NSW
12.20	Official Opening		
12.35	Tasmania	v	South Australia
2.00	Victoria	v	NSW

MONDAY JULY 3RD

11.00	Northern NSW	v	South Australia
12.30	ACT	v	Queensland
2.00	Tasmania	v	Victoria

TUESDAY JULY 4TH

10.00	South Australia	v	Queensland
11.30	Northern NSW	v	Victoria
1.00	ACT	v	NSW
2.30	Tasmania	v	Queensland

WEDNESDAY JULY 5TH

11.00	Victoria	v	South Australia
12.30	Tasmania	v	ACT
2.00	NSW	v	Northern NSW

THURSDAY JULY 6TH

10.00	Victoria	v	ACT
11.30	NSW	v	Tasmania
1.00	Queensland	v	Northern NSW
2.30	ACT	v	South Australia

FRIDAY JULY 7TH

11.00	Northern NSW	v	Tasmania
12.30	South Australia	v	NSW
2.00	Queensland	v	Victoria

SATURDAY JULY 8TH

1.00 FINAL

PREVIOUS RESULTS

AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

YEAR	VENUE	1ST	2ND	OTHER COMPETING STATES
1983	Canberra	NSW	NNSW	SQ VIC ACT WA
1984	Newcastle	NSW	NNSW	SQ ACT VICT TAS
1985	Hobart	NSW	NNSW	SQ TAS
1986	Sydney	NSW	SQ	NNSW TAS
1987	Brisbane	NSW	TAS	SQ NNSW
1988	Melbourne	NSW	SQ	VIC ACT TAS NNSW
1989	Adelaide	NSW	ACT	SQ SA VIC NNSW
1990	Brisbane	NSW	SQ	ACT SA NNSW
1991	Woy Woy	SQ	NSW	ACT SA NNSW TAS VIC
1992	Renmark	NSW	SA	QLD NNSW TAS VIC ACT
1993	Bendigo	NSW	QLD	TAS VIC NNSW WA SA ACT
1994	Swansea	NSW	QLD	ACT NNSW TAS SA WA VIC

SQUADS

QUEENSLAND

Coach: Jeff Howarth

1. Joanne O'Neill
2. Kate Wensley
3. Lindsay Whiddett
4. Brooke Short
5. Victoria Videla
6. Azra Parker
7. Kelly Russell
8. Rebekah Allen
9. Danielle Peel
10. Katie Stork
11. Brenda Bell
12. Kate Milvihill
13. Alicia Ferguson
14. Megan Bond
15. Katherine Cantie
16. Michelle McKenzie
17. Rosemary Cusack
18. Therese Sippel

VICTORIA

Coach: Bill Murray

1. Sharon Walsh
2. Louisa Bisby
3. Melissa Barbieri
4. Claire Hepper
5. Belinda Godfrey
6. Bronwyn Carey
7. Amy Porter
8. Emma Rea
9. Daniela Malureanu
10. Leigh Trek
11. Silvana Cosic
12. Sarah Poyer
13. Linda Sacco
14. Jennie Skinner
15. Jenni Black
16. Sarah Crane
17. Sara Stephens
18. Roisin McGowan

NORTHERN NSW

Coach: Colin Eason

1. Sally Marsden

NSW

Coach: Sue Andrews

1. Patricia Calligas
2. Danielle Smith
3. Donna Marsden
4. Tracey Spagnol
5. Vesna Nikolic
6. Carly Copeland
7. Ranac Bevan
8. Kelly Golebiowski
9. Helen Kalithrakas
10. Nicole Davis
11. Lisa Collins
12. Amanda Boyle
13. Anne Starr
14. Danielle Coonerty
15. Maria Calligas
16. Ruth Jago

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Coach: Kevin McCormack

1. Lynn White
2. Liz Harmer
3. Carly Nielson
4. Danielle Proud
5. Melanie Burnell
6. Kimberley Morris
7. Anna Ruotold
8. Jessica Halfpenny

ACT

Coach: Katrina Alexander

1. Amy Beattie
2. Peita-Claire Hepperlim
3. Tracy Floro
4. Amy Taylor
5. Angela Aszrenkovics
6. Dior Foxhill
7. Felicity Cox
8. Amy Wilson
9. Kim Neilson
10. Louise Corbett
11. Danica Ralston
12. Tracey Aurousseau
14. Kim Channing
15. Rachel English
16. Kirsti Welling
17. Danielle Happerlin
18. Michelle Tifan

TASMANIA

Coach: Colin Francis

1. Kellie Gower
2. Clare Dowd
3. Kara Browning
4. Erin Perry
5. Tracy Rolls
6. Anna Mitchell
7. Zoe Nolan
8. Jo Franklin-Paddock
9. Rebecca Lynd
10. Elizabeth Ratcliffe
11. Shelly Cook
12. Andrea Dixon
13. Vanessa Johnson
14. Sally McGrath
15. Ruth Happer
16. Amelia Kelder



ILLIAN SIGNS FUTURE

Portuguese international Paulo Futre, 29, currently with relegated Italian side Reggiana, is to join AC Milan next season.

The midfielder has just returned from an Asian tour with AC Milan where he showed some of the touches that impressed coach Fabio Capello.

RUSH PLANS TO FIGHT ON

Liverpool captain Ian Rush has pledged his soccer future to the club and vowed to fight for his place alongside British transfer record striker Stan Collymore.

Rush, who recently signed a new one-year contract, must be under threat following the arrival of \$A18.9 million Collymore from Nottingham Forest.

But the Welsh international said "We new six months ago that we needed another striker in case Robbie Fowler or I got injured, I have never been scored of competition and I am happy that we have bought Stan."

Rush's determination to meet the challenge will dampen Coventry manager Ron Atkinson's alleged interest in the 33-year-old player.

Long time admirer Atkinson said: "Rush is the sharpest finisher in the business. If he had been on Manchester United's books during my five years at Old Trafford we'd have won three doubles and a treble."

Across Stanley Park, A Cup winner Gary Bett could be on his way out of Goodison after refusing Everton's new contract offer.

The 29-year-old defender, who moved from Liverpool for \$A1,667,700 in January 1992, is out of contract and unhappy with the terms on the table.

HUGHES LEAVES MAN. UNITED

Mark Hughes became the latest big name to swap clubs in English when he moved from Manchester United to Chelsea for a modest \$A3.34 million.

The 32-year-old Welsh international has left the Reds for the second time. He transferred to Spanish club Barcelona in 1986 before returning to Old Trafford two years later.

But he is the second United star to leave.

ASPRILLA & PARMA PART COMPANY

Colombian international striker Faustino Asprilla has turned up the heat in his row with Parma, vowing he will never play for the club again.

Asprilla, 25, has also blamed coach Nevio Scala for his poor goalscoring record saying: "It is over between Parma and me. I will never play for that club again."

Asprilla made his remarks in an interview published in *Gazzetta dello Sport* daily on Saturday.

Asprilla has fallen out with the UEFA Cup holders, who fined him \$A37,595 for a newspaper attack on Scala.

According to media reports, German champions Borussia Dortmund are interested in signing him for \$A15.32 million but Parma is holding out for \$A17.06 million.

"Plenty of teams want me, but Parma won't take a decision because they first want to buy another striker," said Asprilla, adding that even if Parma did keep him, he would not respect his contract which expires in 1998.

"Maybe they've forgotten who they are dealing with. I don't think I'm an average player who can accept whatever decision the club takes," he said.

Asprilla said Scala had prevented him from showing



Faustino Asprilla: "Plenty of teams want me."

his true talents at Parma, where he has scored 23 league goals in three seasons — only six of which came last season — and been overshadowed by Italy striker Gianfranco Zola.

Borussia were reported to be ready to sign Asprilla earlier this month but the deal broke down when Parma's bid for Lazio striker Giuseppe Signori was rejected.

THUNDERSTORM HALTS CUP FINAL

A thunderstorm halted the Spanish Cup final between Deportivo Coruna and Valencia after 79 minutes on Saturday.

It means the two teams will have to return to Real Madrid's Bernabeu stadium today (Tuesday) to play the remaining 11 minutes, and extra-time if needed.

The finalists were level 1-1 when the match, being watched by a capacity 100,000 crowd, was suspended.

Javier Manjarin put Deportivo ahead in the 35th minute but Pedrag Mijatovic equalised in the 70th minute.

The game will decide Spanish places in next season's European competitions.

If Deportivo wins what would be its first major title, it joins Real Zaragoza in the Cup Winners' Cup and Sevilla will qualify for the UEFA

Cup in its place, along with Barcelona and Real Betis.

TRIANGULAR WIN FOR GERMANY

Germany won the three-nation tournament to mark the centenary of the Swiss Football Association when it drew 1-1 with the host nation last Saturday.

Germany, who had already beaten the third competing team Italy 2-0, went ahead in the 64th minute through Thomas Haessler.

Adrian Knup, of Bundesliga club Kaiserslautern, equalised for Switzerland 11 minutes later — his 24th goal in 39 matches for his country.

Bayern Munich goalkeeper Oliver Kahn, made an impressive debut for Germany. He was called into action in the ninth minute when he came out to thwart Alain

Sutter and gained in confidence after that.

Germany finished with four points, Italy was second with three points from a 1-0 victory over the Swiss while the host gained their one point from this draw.

NEWCASTLE STAR OFF TO TURKEY

England international Barry Venison flew last Sunday to Istanbul where Turkish first division side Galatasaray expect him to sign and renew his association with manager Graeme Souness.

The Newcastle United defender-cum-midfielder used to play for Liverpool where Souness was in charge in the early 1990s after his own playing career with the club.

Galatasaray official Adnan Sezgin said he hoped Venison and Coventry striker Mike Marsh, another former Liverpool player who arrived in Istanbul at the

weekend, would sign for Galatasaray after a medical test.

Sezgin said 31-year-old Venison had agreed terms in principle but did not say what the transfer fee would be.

Galatasaray lost their Turkish league title to local rivals Besiktas last season but will play in next season's UEFA Cup.

Souness, manager since May, had said he wanted to bring hard working British or German players to Galatasaray to put some bite into the team's often lacklustre defence and midfield.

RUSSIAN STAR JOINS DEPORTIVO

Russian international striker Dmitry Radchenko has joined Deportivo Coruna on a four-year contract from Spanish rivals Racing Santander, Deportivo sources said.

The fee for Radchenko, a member of Russia's 1994 World Cup squad, was reported to be \$A5.29m.

The 24-year-old striker, who played for Moscow Spartak until 1993, scored 11 goals for Racing this season.

DALGLISH STEPS DOWN

Kenny Dalglish has stepped aside as manager of English Premier League soccer champion Blackburn to become the club's director of football, it was reported on Sunday night.

Dalglish's number two Ray Harford will take over team affairs at Ewood Park for the new season's premiership and European Cup campaigns.

"I just want to ease off from what has virtually been a seven-day week commitment," Dalglish was quoted as saying in several newspapers.

It appears that the stress of management has forced him out for the second time, after his shock exit from Liverpool in February 1991.

A statement from Blackburn said of the appointment of Harford: "Jack Walker and the board see this as a natural progression, maintaining both continuity and stability at the club."

It is also reported that Alan Shearer has signed a new four-year contract with Blackburn.

The England striker, linked with a lucrative move to Italy, said: "Over the past month or so I have considered my options carefully and have decided I want to stay with Blackburn for at least the next four years."

Dalglish was appointed Blackburn boss in October

1991 and guided them to promotion to the top flight the following year.

He broke the British transfer record twice in two years, signing Shearer from Southampton for \$A7.39 million in July 1992 and Chris Sutton for \$A11.19 million from Norwich in July 1994.

The two formed a highly successful strike partnership last year and helped Blackburn to their first championship since 1914 in only their third season in the English premiership.

COLLYMORE TRANSFER IN THE BALANCE

England striker Stan Collymore's record-breaking \$A18.9 million move to Liverpool is said to be in the balance over the player's belief he should have a slice of the transfer fee.

Nottingham Forest, which "sold" Collymore to Liverpool for a British record fee, insists he is not entitled to any money from it.

He wants five per cent of the fee, \$A945,000, but Forest manager Frank Clark said: "He would be entitled to a percentage if he was to be sold at our behest. We have done everything in our power to keep him."

"We will not move an inch. The fact is, that unless Stan drops his claim I expect to see him on July 10 for the start of pre-season training."

U.S. CLINCH TOURNAMENT FROM COLOMBIA

A year after beating Colombia in one of US soccer's greatest triumphs, the Americans played a boring scoreless tie against the Colombians last Sunday in the finale of the US Cup '95 tournament.

However, the result was enough for the Americans to win the four team tournament after earlier victories over Nigeria and Mexico.

When the US and Colombia met on June 22, 1994, the Americans won 2-1 before 93,194 screaming fans in the Rose Bowl and virtually clinched advancement to the second round of the World Cup.

Less than two weeks later, a Colombian fan killed defender Pablo Escobar in retaliation for a defensive blunder.

This time, the passion was missing — and so were Colombia's best players, forwards Faustino Asprilla and Adolfo Valencia.

The 36,126 fans at Rutgers Stadium were mostly behind the Colombians.

PROFILES of the NEW GENERATION

DEMETRIO ALBERTINI



The young veteran

coach Arrigo Sacchi.

He made the point about being among the 'senators' in the Italian team in March on the eve of Italy's 4-1 home win against Estonia when he told reporters: "I'll be the vice-captain for this game because, apart from Maldini, nobody else in the side has more caps than me, with 25."

Albertini's professional career began with Milan in January 1989 when, as a 17-year-old, he went on for Dutchman Ruud Gullit towards the end of an easy 4-0 home League win against Como. Albertini had to wait another two seasons and spend an apprenticeship period with then Second Division Padova before making the break into the first team in the 1991-92 season, when Milan were first coached by Capello.

Since then Albertini has been an automatic choice: "It's true, I've been in the side for four years without a break and that despite the fact that I score few goals, hardly ever beat a man and never try a backheel. How have I managed it? By playing to my strengths, which are based on the quantity of my game."

That successful first full season with Milan also saw Albertini's international career launched. Such was his influence on the championship-winning Milan side that by December of 1991, Arrigo Sacchi had called him into the side for a 2-0 European Championship win against Cyprus in Foggia.

Being the youngster in the

pressure-laden Milan and Italy camps has not always been easy.

Remember these are footballing environments tense with rivalries and jealousies: "I arrived in the Milan team in my first season directly from Division Two and all of a sudden I found myself playing for my place (28 out of 34 League games in that first full season) in one of the strongest sides in the world, one with a 25-player squad and with a crowded fixture list.

"For that reason, I admitted to being both physically and mentally tired every now and again. Maybe I used the word 'stress', anyway people began to use the concept against me, writing that I was stuck up, never satisfied and unaware of my good fortune."

On the contrary, he argues, he is more than aware of it.

His close, typically Italian links to his family help keep his feet on the ground.

One of three brothers, Albertini was brought up in a modest apartment in the little town of Villa Raverio, not far from Milan, where his father Giuseppe worked as a bricklayer and plasterer.

The famous son has no hesitation in acknowledging his family's role in his professional success, saying: "My family have helped me greatly to deal with this type of life — even if I've always been a bit of a cold fish, otherwise how could I have taken (and scored) a penalty kick in a World Cup Final?"



Demetrio Albertini: "When you play in my position you are not allowed to have good and bad games, you've got to be consistent."

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AJAX
AND
NIGERIA

Nwankwo Kanu: "My time will come soon."

Young gun's time has arrived

Two years ago, a Nigerian magazine tasked Nwankwo Kanu what his ultimate ambition was. "To be the best player in the world," was the reply of a boy who was then the most exciting youngster on the local scene.

Ajax Amsterdam gave Kanu the opportunity to realise his dreams a few months later, when they drafted him into their youth team. He had been spotted on a training tour of Holland with the Nigerian Under 17 team in April 1993.

Kanu had first been discovered on the dusty streets of Owerri a year earlier by Nigeria's Iwuanyanwu Nationale. He joined the youth team, but a few months later the senior side went through a lean spell and the 16-year-old was drafted in to lead the attack from the right side of midfield.

Kanu seized his opportunity and his goals helped Nationale win the Nigerian league. The team named the teenager Player of the Year.

Nationale had planned that Kanu would lead their attack in the African Champions Cup the next season, but Kanu had other ideas, and he left for Ajax.

"I have been a lucky person, especially in the way I rose to the top," says Kanu. "But in Ajax luck doesn't count for much and Kanu was forced to spend time with the youth team."

"I didn't allow the big stars in the team to bother me. I followed my training very strictly, especially the fitness programme. I promised myself that if I ever got a chance in the senior team I would take it."

Born on August 1, 1976, Kanu knows the value of patience. At high school he was a brilliant student and his father, a car spare parts dealer, wanted him to be an engineer. His footballing ambitions were shared only by his elder brother, Godwin Kanu, a struggling player with a local Division Two side. But Kanu was patient and soon it paid off.

Midway into the 1993-94 season, Ajax suffered injuries to top players so coach Louis Van Gaal turned to the Ajax youth school to bring out a new generation of soccer artists. Nwankwo Kanu as one of them.

"When I was invited into the senior team, I couldn't believe it," says Kanu. "I knew my chance had come early because the top players were injured but I had promised myself that once I broke the barrier I would not go back to the junior team again."

Kanu's first game was as a substitute for Jari Litmanen against Utrecht. Despite his inspiring games as the season wound to a close, Kanu played no part in the Cup-winners cup. But that season remains Kanu's best yet.

"My greatest moment in football so far was when we won the League in 1994," says Kanu. This season he has built on the foundation of last year, scoring crucial goals for an Ajax side that won the Champions Cup and remained unbeaten in the Dutch League.

One match that stands out in Kanu's mind is the final against Milan in the Champions League. "That game is still like a dream to me. It turned me into a new player. Initially, I was afraid of Maldini and Baresi but when I realised they were like any other player, I took them on, I became a man," said Kanu whose nickname in Nigeria is 'Papillo'.

Despite his performances with Ajax, Kanu has yet to make an impact with the Nigerian national team. He made his debut for the Super Eagles against Sweden during the pre-World Cup tour last year, but Clemens Westerhof, then the national coach, overlooked Kanu "because he is not yet a tournament player." New coach Shoaib Amodhu picked him for the tie against England last November and used him for only three minutes.

"Playing against England was like another dream come true for me. I was disappointed when I was not called for the Riyadah trip (the Intercontinental Cup in Saudi Arabia) but I know that my time will soon come," Kanu said.

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Esnaider's talents are overshadowed by his unruly temper

Chequered career for "Gunpowder Argie"

GOD Overdid the Gunpowder. Of all the headlines about Juan Eduardo Esnaider, that's the one that's stuck in people's mind.

Critics would argue about gun-power being part of the human makeup, but the description seemed appropriate for a footballer long on explosive and short on blue touchpaper.

Real Zaragoza striker Esnaider has the worst disciplinary record in the Spanish league — which is saying something — and the Cup-winners Cup semi-final at Stamford Bridge illustrated his character.

He responded to an offside flag by booting the ball furiously into Kevin Hitchcock's net and, realising what he'd done, turned to the referee with his hands clasped together in front of his nose begging the official not to show him the yellow card which would have ruled him out of the Paris final. He produced indifferent form in a match where his priority was to control his temper.

"I am not a dirty player," he insists. "But I am a marked man. Referees are looking for me all the time. A few matches ago I was shown a yellow card for protesting and the Appeals Committee later wiped it off my record. I don't get cards for kicking people. I get them for rebelling against injustice."

A week after the expunged caution, he earned his third suspension of the League season by holding his head in his hands as a mark of disagreement with another decision. He has yet to accept that Spanish referees abhor the theatrical gestures designed to turn crowds against officials.

"I have tried to help him curb his reactions," says the Zaragoza boss Victor Fernandez. "But it's one thing taking quietly to a man in the dressing-room and another thing to control that man's reactions when his pulse rate is around 200."

Esnaider's reputation was not helped by a six-month suspended sentence he was given for a bar-room punch-up while he was enjoying an evening off during last summer's pre-season training camp.

In the media, as at football grounds, Esnaider's disciplinary record takes the lead before he does. Which is rough justice on a very talented footballer.

Psychiatrists might look into his background for clues about the gunpowder plot. Despite a surname easily traceable to Schneider, there is nothing cool, blue-eyed or Prussian about the smouldering skin-lover exterior. They might try to interpret his childhood love of Tom & Jerry cartoons or the dreams of being reincarnated as a panther. They certainly would latch on to his admission that being the sole boy with four older sisters sent him halfway the road to becoming a spoilt brat who, in terms of household cumen, "might just manage to fry an egg" — and not on his head.

The family backdrop was set in the Argentinian resort of Mar de Plate where, apart from working as an engineer, his dad coached the infants team at a club called San Martin. Although schoolboy ambitions were directed towards a future at racing, Ferro Carril Oeste jumped in and signed him as a 13-year-old. Esnaider was taller than most, stronger than most, more skilful than most, and scored more goals than most.

This was the player who caught Real Madrid's eye in January 1991, when he travelled to the South American Youth Championships as part of "Mostaza" Merlo's team and emerged as the top scorer and best player in the tournament.

Real were criticised for gambling \$2million on an 18-year-old

who had played only half a dozen First Division games. Offering him a five-year contract worth \$8,000 a week was seen as further spoiling of a brat unlikely to be allowed to chew the cud with the sacred cows in the real dressingroom. Especially as at Ferro he had been earning \$50 a week and living in digs.

Within months he directed a blast of gunpowder at an opponent and the ref in the last minute of Argentina's 3-0 defeat by Portugal during the 1991

PROFILE

JUAN EDUARDO ESNAIDER

REAL ZARAGOZA & ARGENTINA

Born: March 5, 1973, in Mar del Plata, Argentina.

Previous clubs: Ferro Carril Oeste, Real Madrid.

League debut: August 19, 1990 for Ferro v Velez Sarsfield.

HONOURS:

Spanish Cup: 1994

(Real Zaragoza).

Cup Winners Cup: 1995

(Real Zaragoza)

where the critics were quick to praise a striker who, even if he did not quite come up to Carlos Griguol's description (he was Esnaider's coach at Ferro) of "half Maradona and half Kempes", controlled, dribbled and finished in flowing movements rarely combined with such physical stature.

But the signing of Ivan Zamorano proved to be such a barrier that his season was reduced to one start, one goal and nine appearances as sub.

Zaragoza saved his career. The club always have enjoyed a close relationship with Real — in the current side, Juanmi Solana, Aragon and Pardeza are all Madrid misfits who have settled at La Romareda — and Victor Fernandez requested Esnaider on loan. He promptly contributed 10 yellow cards, one sending-off and 13 goals in 29 games to the 1993-94 season, which resulted in third place in the league and glory in the Spanish Cup.

Zaragoza duly allowed Real to recoup their outlay and bought Esnaider outright.

In the meantime, his private life has been maturing fast and at 20 he already had two sons, Juan and Walter Ivan.

At 23, the footballer is ripening, too. But the explosive talent is still affected by an excess of gunpowder.

World Youth Championships in Lisbon. Two sendings-off during the qualifying tournament did not help, and the ensuing one-year ban put the break on an international career which otherwise might have progressed naturally to an 'A' team place in the 1994 World Cup.

He was promptly consigned to Real's reserve side in the Second Division where, in 1991-92, he scored nine times in 26 appearances.

That was enough for Benito Floro to promote him to the first-team squad,

Host of stars start in new colours

Blackburn launches its Premier League title defence at home to Queen's Park Rangers when the new English soccer season begins on August 19.

Manchester United, who just missed out on a third successive crown, still sit as favourite and opens at Aston Villa.

The next campaign will also see millions of dollars' worth of talent parading their skills in unfamiliar colours.

Britain's record signing Stan Collymore, who moved from Nottingham Forest to Liverpool this week for \$A18.86 million will make his debut at home to Sheffield Wednesday, while Dutchman Dennis Bergkamp, who last week joined Arsenal from Inter Milan for \$A16.64 million, will be in action at Highbury against newly-promoted Middlesbrough.

Another Dutchman, Ruud Gullit, is set for his Chelsea debut at home to F.A. Cup winner Everton, while Chris Armstrong, signed for Tottenham for \$A9.98 million from Crystal Palace, will make his debut at Manchester City.

Les Ferdinand and Warren Barton, who have joined Newcastle for a combined fee of \$A22.18 million from QPR and Wimbledon respectively, will be wearing their black and

white stripes for the first time in a league match at home to Coventry.

The computer has thrown up some cracking early fixtures — with new Arsenal boss Bruce Rioch facing his old Middlesbrough team.

That will be a tough baptism for Middlesbrough who will have to wait three days until August 22 to play its first match in its new Riverside Stadium against Southampton.

Middlesbrough, now managed by Bryan Robson, plays Newcastle in a north-east derby at St James' Park on August 30.

But the game to give the new season a tremendous lift-off pits Manchester United away to Blackburn on August 29.

United completed the double over Kenny Dalglish's side last season, but little to missed chances in its final game.

Now United will look to make a flying start at Villa, followed by home games against West Ham and Wimbledon.

Rovers face a tougher opening, travelling to a Sheffield Wednesday hopefully rejuvenated by new manager David Pleat before the derby with newly-promoted Bolton on August 26.

Twenty teams form the premier league next season and the program opens with the traditional Charity Shield match between champion Blackburn and Cup winner Everton on August 12.

First day fixtures (August 19): Arsenal v Middlesbrough, Aston Villa v Manchester United, Blackburn v QPR, Chelsea v Everton, Liverpool v Sheffield Wednesday, Manchester City v Tottenham, Newcastle v Coventry, Southampton v Nottingham Forest, West Ham v Leeds, Wimbledon v Bolton.



Ruud Gullit: Will make his Chelsea league debut against Everton.

INCE & INTER GET INTO BED

England midfielder Paul Ince (right), ending weeks of frenzied speculation, has signed a three-year contract with Inter Milan, the Italian first division club said in a statement last week.

"Paul Ince has signed the contract that will tie him to Inter for the next three seasons," a brief statement said.

It gave no financial details and an Inter spokesman said the deal was "a matter between Paul Ince and Inter", adding that the player had signed the contract in Manchester in the presence of Inter executive Paolo Tavaglio.

The deal is reported to be worth some \$A15.60 million.

The Manchester United midfielder agreed financial terms with Inter last week but failed to sign a full contract because his wife was not happy about housing arrangements, the Italian press reported.



"The famous problem of the house has been resolved. Paul Ince wants a very normal house and he will have a very normal house for his family," the Inter

Tottenham counter Arsenal's spending

Just one day after arch-rival Arsenal paid its club record fee by signing Dennis Bergkamp, Tottenham did the same last week when striker Chris Armstrong joined the north London soccer club from Crystal Palace.

Manager Gerry Francis paid \$A10.02 million for the 24-year-old striker who is effectively replacing German Juergen Klinsmann in the Tottenham attack.

The fee beats Tottenham's previous record of \$A6.46 million spent on Romanian international Gica Popescu last season.

But at a news conference to unveil Spurs' new signing, Tottenham chairman Alan Sugar criticised the "lunacy" of the British transfer market and then hit out at "irresponsible" rival Arsenal for going into the red by buying Bergkamp from Inter Milan for \$A16.70 million.

Sugar now wants the



Chris Armstrong: Will effectively replace Klinsmann

English F.A. to step in and regulate transfer prices.

"I hope we've reached the end of this lunacy in transfer

prices," Sugar said. "It must stop after this Bergkamp deal quite frankly."

"Even Manchester United,

Baggio prefers Man Utd.

Italy's Roberto Baggio wants to play in England and hinted at a preference for Manchester United in the *News of the World* newspaper last Sunday.

"Outside of Italy there are three great teams I would consider playing for — Manchester United, Real Madrid and Barcelona," said Baggio in the newspaper. "These teams have a reputation and a tradition that makes any player want to go there."

Baggio, who is set to leave Juventus after the Italian champions failed to match his wage demands, thought to be around \$A2.9m a year, said his next move would not be for the money, but

the challenge.

And he added: "At the moment the biggest challenge has to be England because their football has been re-born."

Baggio's solicitor Mel Goldberg is quoted in the *News of the World* as saying: "Roberto wants to play in England and I will contact Alex Ferguson about a move to Manchester United."

Ferguson has around \$A19m to spend following the recent sales of Paul Ince to Inter Milan and Mark Hughes to Chelsea. Those moves have caused unrest among the Old Trafford faithful and a signing like Baggio would appease the

a club with financial clout but a properly run business institution can't afford such irresponsible actions. And they are irresponsible."

Announcing that Armstrong had signed a four-year contract, Sugar called for a sense of perspective to return to the transfer market.

He said: "Clubs like Arsenal or Tottenham or Newcastle can't afford to pay \$A22.17 million for players — it's a fact of life."

"With gate receipts, the amount of money coming in from television, it's just not enough for clubs to keep their head above water, let alone make profit. It's total madness and it's gone out of all proportion."

"If the Arsenal chairman admits openly he's got to appease people by going into the red and getting himself into financial trouble then we are in a sorry world."

"Hopefully now we can get back to normality and the cheap transfers of \$A5.5 million."

"It's down to the F.A. to sort it out. Either you have five clubs with cheque books banting it out and 15 others providing cannon fodder making up the numbers, or the association have got to sort out guidelines."

Manager Gerry Francis said Armstrong's capture was a morale-booster after the recent departure of Klinsmann.

Armstrong said: The player, who was 24 last week, scored just eight premier league goals for Palace last season as his performances were overshadowed by a four-match absence for smoking cannabis.

When football is business and business is football

FOOTBALL is big business. There are lots of examples.

Manchester United's latest balance sheet reveals that, in 1994, the club earned \$53 million through merchandising, television, catering and sponsorship yet only \$20 million through the turnstiles. As Hunter Davies pointed out in a recent TV programme bemoaning the loss of the 'good old days', the club's staffing includes 123 in merchandising, catering and administration compared with 74 on the playing side (43 players, 31 coaching staff).

Ince, 27, was reported to have been stunned when he learned United were willing to let him go, a decision that infuriated many of the club's fans.

Ince began his career with West Ham before joining Manchester United in 1989 in a deal worth \$A2.23 million. While at United he picked up two F.A. Cup Winners' medals and two premier league title medals.

A combative and sometimes controversial player, Ince was charged with assaulting a fan earlier this year at the match against Crystal Palace which featured the infamous Eric Cantona "kung-fu" attack on another spectator.

But at a court hearing last month Ince was cleared.

game until 1999 through advertising rights at Wembley and a presence at Euro '96 along the way.

Back in Italy, commercial pressures have — amazingly — driven Juventus out of the Stadio delle Alpi in Turin, for European matches at least.

Juve and Torino have long been unhappy with facilities, local authority levies and promotional income arrangements at the stadium. The fans don't like it either, as Juve's attendance average of 7,448 for their home UEFA Cup ties this season demonstrated. Juve believe they have lost around \$12 million over the past two years through using the delle

Alpi and that switching their semi-final home leg against Borussia Dortmund to Milan's Stadio Meazza was the only answer.

They pulled in a capacity 83,000 crowd which delighted the club's business managers as well as TV controllers, who also hate the delle Alpi because of the lack of atmosphere to embellish their broadcasts.

It's very likely that Juventus may stay clear of the delle Alpi when they enter the Champions League next season. Champions League contestants have to provide an advert-free stadium so UEFA can decorate it with the promotional paraphernalia of the Champions League sponsors only.



Is he Spain's best ever?

Zubi the 100-cap goalkeeper

N D O N I
A ZUBIZARRETA'S appearance against Armenia, four days after making his 500th appearance in the Spanish league, saw him become the first Spanish player to be capped 100 times.

The value of his achievement should not be underestimated. The previous record was set by Real Madrid left-back Jose Antonio Camacho — now manager at Espanyol — with 81 caps. Way back in the distance are living legends of Spanish soccer such as Rafael Gordillo (75), Emilio Butragueno (69), Luis Arconada (68) and Michel (66). European Footballer of the Year Luis Suarez represented his country only 32 times.

Jose Angel Iribar, Zubizarreta's childhood hero and the keeper who taught him his trade on the Bilbao training ground at Lezama, won 49 caps. At 33, 'Zubi' is unlikely to say 100 and out. A quitter would have hung up his gloves long ago.

As a 19-year-old, he was put under the microscope at San Mames when Javier Clemente, Bilbao manager at the time, controversially named him successor to Iribar, ahead of seemingly more appropriate candidates.

THE FACTS

Appearances: League 500, Copa del Rey 87, Supercopa 10, Europe 81, Spain 100.

Medals: 6 Spanish League, 3 Copa del Rey, 1 Champions Cup, 1 Cup-winners Cup, 1 European Supercup.

Spanish League record: 1981-86 Athletico Bilbao, 169 games 161 goals conceded; 1986-94 Barcelona, 302 games, 281 goals conceded; 1994 Valencia, 30 games, 36 goals conceded.

On September 19, 1981, Clemente threw him in at the deep end in an away match against Atletico Madrid and the youngster who had grown up at Arechavaleta, Alaves and the Bilbao youth scheme, proved he could swim.

When Terry Venables paid \$1million to take him to Barcelona a few days before their European Cup final defeat against Steaua Bucharest in 1986, he faced another tricky task — winning over fans at Nou Camp who idolised his predecessor, Javier Urruticoechea. This intruder from the Basque country promptly went 10 games without conceding a goal and ended up winning a cupboard full of trophies in eight magnificent seasons.

On January 23, 1985, Zubizarreta replaced Luis Arconada at half-time in Spain's 3-1 win over Finland in Alicante. Subsequently, against hell, high water and the critics in Madrid who consistently campaign for Real's Paco Buyo, he has held on to the gloves under Miguel Munoz, Luis Suarez, Vicente Miera and Javier Clemente.

Johan Cruyff breezed into Barcelona during the summer of 1988 and demanded a keeper-sweeper similar to Stanley Menzo whom he had nurtured at Ajax.

Zubizarreta didn't fit the bill and, as to make a point, Cruyff fielded him at left-back in a pre-season game. But he gritted his teeth, polished up his ball skills,

improved his sprinting and won somewhat grudging approval from Cruyff, until last summer.

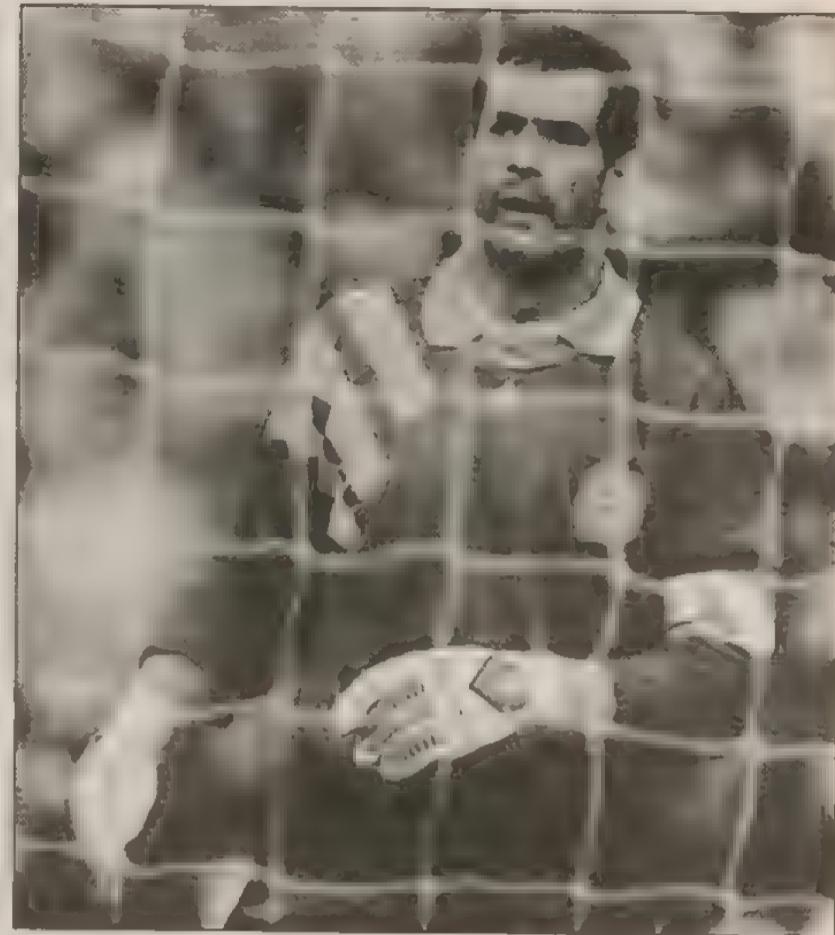
Then, on the team bus driving away from the stadium in Athens after the 4-0 Champions Cup final defeat by Milan, he was asked to leave.

Off he went to Valencia to take over from another local idol, Pedro Sempere, his latest bantle.

'Zubi' admits that his career has been one long, hard examination, illustrated by the fierce criticism he received for failing to stop a single Belgian penalty during the first of his three World Cups in 1986. Perversely, he was blamed for that quarter-final elimination and took two years to shake off the label of penalty-spot loser.

"Maybe that is why I have never considered myself a star," he reflects. "I've never stopped being asked questions and I've never been able to stop looking for answers. In that sense, it is perhaps appropriate that my 100th game should be somewhere like America and not in a grandiose stadium like Wembley or San Siro."

Wembley provides another clue to Zubi's character and his value within a dressing room. Despite wearing the armband during the 1992



Antoni Zubizarreta: The highest capped Spanish player and a most respected World Cupkeeper.

Champions Cup victory over Sampdoria, he insisted that Jose Ramon Alexanko go up to receive the trophy.

"Maybe the only time the winning captain hasn't lifted it?" he asks.

He modestly scurries off

to a corner and smilingly asks if anyone has noticed his absence from the team photos.

CROATIAN CORNER

BY JOHN VISKOVICH

Former Dinamo Zagreb striker Goran Vlaovic is set to sign a new contract with relegation battlers Padova in Italy. The 21-year-old Croatian U21 international has done well in his debut season by scoring six goals and setting up a few vital goals which helped Padova avoid the drop to Serie B.

Robert Prosinecki (Roby) looks set to rejoin Real Madrid after a stint on loan at Real Oviedo. Roby has shown great form in the past season and the midfielder has scored many goals for Oviedo as well as Croatia.

Those who don't know much about Roby would be surprised to know he was the star player in Yugoslavia's 1987 World Youth Cup victory. He was voted the best player and in 1991 was runner up to Jean Pierre Papin as the best player in Europe as well. On top of that he has won the European Cup and Red Star in 1991 and other awards in Spain. That's not half bad for someone who is still only 26 years old.

Sevilla striker Davor Suker is set to leave the club and play in Italy's Serie A next season. Called 'Superman' by the Sevilla fans, he has been in great scoring touch for the past four seasons. He has been top scorer for two years and runner up to Romario the other two. On top of that he has been voted the best player in Spain in 1993 and managed to score two great goals against Italy in Croatia's 2-1 victory in Bari this year.

The main club interested in super is Inter Milan while Sampdoria, Lazio and Juventus have all made offers.

Croatian coach Otto Baric of

Casino Salzburg will look to sign a new contract to keep him at the club a few more years. He has brought the biggest success to Austrian Football by taking Salzburg to the final of the UEFA Cup in 1994. The other Croatian players namely Jurcevic Kocjan and Mladenovic also look set to stay on at the club.

Robert Jarni has completed a great debut at Juventus where they have just won the Serie A championship. The defender has been a regular this season and his attacking flair has provided plenty of opportunity for Ravanelli and Vialli to score. He has been in Italy for about five years and has previously played for Bari and Torino.

Adrian Koznik, the former Hajduk striker has been very consistent in France with Cannes. The number 10 has scored plenty of goals and could find himself in a good club in Spain or Germany next season.

Zoran Ban who has been on loan from Juventus for the past two seasons in Portugal with Belenses has really hit form. Some might remember his six matches for Juventus a few years ago when he came in to replace David Platt who left for Sampdoria. He is still only 21 years old and the former Rijeka midfielder could well find himself back in the Serie A in the next few seasons.

A lot of people are wondering what happened to the Goran Vucevic: three years ago he went on a five million dollar transfer to Barcelona from Hajduk, but never made the grade in Spain. He was injured most of the time and when he did play he found himself in the reserve team. Goran is currently on loan at Hajduk from Barcelona and has rarely played there too.



Robert Prosinecki: Will be returning to Real Madrid next season.

Cruyff once described him as the 'young master' but this 23-year-old now looks like the shadow of his former self.

Let's hope he can rediscover his touch because he has got the ability to make a big name for himself anywhere in the world.

Slaven Bilic, the captain of German team Karlsruhe has been one of the best defenders in Germany for the past few years. He has really lead by example and scores goals regularly, which isn't bad for a defender.

Hajduk have won the double in Croatia by

taking the league and cup respectively. The biggest question leave are players like Asanovic, Mornar, Rapic and Habic going to stay at the club.

Anyone who has watched Hajduk would have to admit that Aljosa Asanovic is still a class player and he was the sole reason for Hajduk's success of late in Europe. Players like Mornar, Rapic and Habic are only 21 years old, although very talented it would be a shame to see them leave Hajduk when they are still so young.

If everyone does stay, Hajduk would have another shot at the

greatest prize in European soccer, the Champions Cup.

Rumor has it that Lazio might be tempted to sell Alen Boksic to either Parma or Barcelona. So far there have only been offers and nothing has been signed so Boksic could well stay with Lazio. Boksic is very quick and uses his height to full advantage, by drawing tall defenders to him, who then leave little Italian Signori room to score the goals.

Boban of AC Milan will no doubt stay with the club next season even though Milan have signed a fourth foreigner in Libernian Weah. Boban had a good season scoring vital goals against Arsenal in the Super Cup and against PSG in the semi-finals of the Champions Cup. The midfielder who is 26 years old now will look to fire for Milan in the next few seasons.

Josko Jelicic who currently plays for Dinamo Zagreb in Croatia could be on his way to Sevilla in Spain. Jelicic is a young midfielder who has a good eye for goal and could be the perfect replacement for striker Davor Suker.

Ante Mise who was a big part of Croatia's national team seems to have faded into the background. Mise who plays in Holland with Vitesse Arnhem has been playing well but his spot in the Croatian national team has been taken by Asanovic of Hajduk. It seems the Croatian selectors have forgotten Ante Mise the gifted midfielder and former captain of Hajduk.

Everyone in Germany is talking about Fredi

Bobic who plays for German club VFB Stuttgart. The youngster has already played for Germany and scores goals just about every week. Bobic has a Croatian background and only became a naturalised German in 1991.

Followers of Spanish football might have noticed a young goalkeeper playing for Tenerife called Buljubasic. Jose Buljubasic is from Argentina but does have a background from Croatia. He is still very young and it looks a while yet before he becomes Argentina's No.1, although he is playing in Spain which could help his chances.

Josip Weber continues to be one of the best strikers in Belgium and has been for the past five seasons. Weber who had the honour of scoring Croatia's first goal when Croatia played Australia a few years ago.

Is now a Belgian Citizen. And is playing for Belgium. He played in the World Cup in 1994 and now plays his club football for Anderlecht.

Although already in his 30's he still looks good for years yet. Weber in his younger years was rejected by Hajduk but went to Belgium and has made himself a household name. Even though he was in great form he never played for the former Yugoslavia and only managed three matches for Croatia.

The Croatian national team look very good for Euro 96 in England. Surprisingly for such a little country it has a lot of competition for national team spots especially for midfield and striking positions.

WORLD RESULTS AND TABLES

SWEDISH FIRST DIVISION

— June 20 —

Djurgarden	1	Oster	1
Degerfors	0	Orgryte	0
Malmo	2	Trelleborg	1
Helsingborg	3	Orebro	0
Vastra Frolunda	1	Halmstad	1
Gothenburg	2	Hammarby	0
AIK	2	Norrkoping	2
TABLE			
Malmo	10	4	5
Helsingborg	10	5	2
Djurgarden	10	4	4
AIK	10	4	3
Halmstad	10	4	3
Norrkoping	10	4	2
Orebro	10	3	4
Orgryte	10	3	3
Trelleborg	9	3	2
Gothenburg	9	2	5
Vastra Frolunda	10	2	5
Oster	10	2	5
Hammarby	10	3	1
Degerfors	10	1	6
			18
			9

NORWEGIAN FIRST DIVISION

— June 19 —

Hoed	0	Lillestroem	1
Ham-Kam	5	Stabaek	0
Bodoe/Glimt	2	Kongsvinger	2
Start	1	Rosenborg	3
VIF Fotball	3	Brann	1
Tromsøe	1	Viking	0
Strindheim	1	Molde	3
TABLE			
Rosenborg	11	10	1
Molde	11	8	1
Lillestroem	12	7	3
Viking	11	6	1
VIF Fotball	11	6	0
Kongsvinger	11	4	4
Tromsøe	12	4	2
Hoed	11	4	2
Bodoe/Glimt	11	3	4
Start	11	4	1
Brann	11	3	2
Stabaek	11	3	1
Ham-Kam	11	2	7
Strindheim	11	1	2
			8
			30
			5

Note - VIF Fotball penalised two points because of financial irregularities last season.

HUNGARIAN FIRST DIVISION

— June 19 —

Debrecen	2	Kispest-Honved	1
Vasas	1	Zalaegerszeg	0
Nagykanizsa	1	Gyor	0
Vac-Szamoss	2	UTE	0
Stadler FC	4	Sopron	0
Ferencvaros	2	Parmalat FC	3
Pecs	4	BVSC	2
Csepel	1	Bekecsbába	1
TABLE			
Ferencvaros	29	17	7
UTE	29	15	6
Debrecen	29	14	7
BVSC	29	14	4
Kispest-Honved	29	13	6
Bekescsaba	29	10	15
Pecs	29	12	6
Zalaegerszeg	29	11	6
Stadler FC	29	9	9
Vac	29	8	11
Csepel	29	8	10
Vasas	29	9	7
Gyor	29	10	5
Parmalat FC	29	8	7
Nagykanizsa	29	7	6
Sopron	29	6	10
			13
			35
			25

J.LEAGUE

— June 21 —

Yokohama Marinos	3	Jubilo Iwata	2
Yokohama Flugels	3	Kashima Antlers	2
Verdy Kawasaki	8	Cerezo Osaka	3
Bellmare Hiratsuka	3	Urawa Reds	1
Sanfrecce Hiroshima	1	Gamba Osaka	0
Nagoya Grampus Eight	1	Kashiwa Reysol	0
Shimizu S-Pulse	1	JEF Ichihara	1
(Shimizu wins 6-5 on penalties)			

TABLE

Marinos	13	5	36	26	40
Antlers	12	6	30	24	36
Bellmare	11	7	45	30	34
JEF United	10	8	33	26	32
Sanfrecce	10	8	29	18	30
Jubilo	10	8	32	29	30
Red Diamonds	8	10	24	23	27
Cerezo	8	10	27	34	26
Gamba	8	10	38	34	25
Verdy	8	10	31	29	25
Grampus Eight	8	10	30	41	25
S-Pulse	8	10	22	38	24
Flugels	7	11	25	35	21
Reysol	5	13	16	31	15

(Note: Losers in penalty shoot-outs are awarded 1 point)

UKRAINE PREMIER DIVISION

— June 21 —

Volyn Lutsk	3	Karpaty Lviv	0
SK Mykolayiv	3	Metalurg Zaporizha	2
Nyva Vinnitsya	1	Temp Shepetivka	0
Nyva Ternopil	3	Veres Rivne	0
Kremin Kremenchuk	4	Zarya Lugansk	1
Torpedo Zaporizha	1	Dynamo Kiev	1
Pivano-Frankivsk	2	Chornomorets Odessa	2
Shakhty Donetsk	0	Tavria Simferopol	2
Kryvbas Kryvyi Rih	1	Dniproprostovsk	0

TABLE

Dynamo	33	24	8	1	86	24	80
Chornomorets	33	22	6	5	61	28	72
Dnipro	33	19	7	7	59	32	64
Shakhtar	33	18	7	8	51	28	61
Tavria	33	17	7	9	61	37	58
Kryvbas	33	13	9	11	35	29	48
Torpedo	33	15	3	15	49	45	48
Karpaty	33	12	8	13	32	36	44
Prykarpatty	33	11	7	15	39	51	40
Metalurg	33	10	10	13	43	42	40
Kremlin	33	11	6	16	39	52	39
Nyva Ternopil	33	11	5	17	40	43	38
SK Mykolayiv	33	11	5	17	32	57	38
Nyva Vinnitsa	33	10	6	17	35	48	36
Volyn	33	11	2	20	26	55	35
Zarya	33	9	5	19	33	69	32
Temp	33	9	4	20	30	41	31
Veres	33	8	7	18	26	60	31

FINNISH FIRST DIVISION

— June 22 —

FinnPa...	1	Jaro...	1
Haka...	1	TPV...	0
Ilves...	1	HJK...	1
Jazz...	4	RoPS...	0
MP...	1	Ponnistus...	0
TPS...	1	MyPa...	3
VPS...	4	Kuusysi...	0
TABLE			
MyPa	9	7	1
Jazz	9		

News From Around The Globe

DUTCH INVADE TURKEY

Former Dutch national coach Leo Benhakker has signed a one-year, \$A3.45m contract to coach Istanbulspor, which was promoted into the Turkish first division.

Meanwhile, Ajax midfielder Peter Van Vossen, 27, has signed a two-year contract with Istanbulspor.

His fellow Dutch international John Van der Brom, 29, has also signed for the same club.

Germany's Stefan Kuntz, 32, signed for Turkish champion Besiktas Istanbul for \$A6.2m. Atletico Madrid's Brazilian defender Ivan Rocha, 26, signed a two-year contract with Turkish club Galatasaray for \$A3.72m.

DJORKAEFF JOINS PSG

Monaco's Youri Djorkaeff has signed a two-year contract with Paris Saint Germain. The 27-year-old former Grenoble and Strasbourg player is PSG's first signing of the 1995-96 season.

ANTIC TO COACH ATLETIC

Serbia's Radomir Antic, who coached Real Oviedo in the Spanish championship last season, signed a one-year contract to coach Atletico Madrid. Antic, 46, has also coached Real Zaragoza and Real Madrid.

MILAN WON'T REPLACE RED STAR

AC Milan will not step into the European Cup should Red Star Belgrade pull out, European football's governing body UEFA has said to quash press reports.

AC Milan was fourth in the Italian league and qualified for the UEFA Cup. But the Italian press speculated that Milan would take the place of Red Star in the European

Arsenal sign Bergkamp

Dutch international Dennis Bergkamp became Bruce Rioch's first signing as Arsenal manager when he joined the English premier league side from Italian club Inter Milan for \$A16.64 million.

Arsenal and Inter announced the transfer simultaneously after the 26-year-old forward had agreed personal terms with the London club at Highbury.

"He is one of the world's great players in my view and it's a tribute to the Premier League and a very exciting day for Arsenal that Dennis has turned down all other offers and is now an Arsenal player," said Arsenal president Peter Hill-Wood at a Highbury news conference.

Hailed as one of the world's top players when he joined Inter from Ajax Amsterdam in 1993, he has failed to live up to that billing in a troubled two years in Serie A.

He made 52 Serie A appearances scoring 11 goals - eight in 31 appearances in 1993-94 and three goals in 21 games last season - while his record at Ajax had been 101 goals in 187 league appearances.

He fared better as Inter won the 1993-94 UEFA Cup, netting eight times during the campaign.

His last appearance for Inter was marked by him missing a penalty in a 2-2 draw at Sampdoria in the penultimate game of the season and that more or less rounded off an unhappy period for the man the Italian press dubbed the "ice prince" because of his supposedly haughty attitude to team mates and reporters.

But Rioch is in no doubt that he has landed one of the world's top players, albeit at a reported \$A55,457 a week.

"I feel quite sure that the players will be excited by Dennis' arrival and I am sure that the supporters will feel the same as well. We welcome Dennis and his family to Arsenal Football Club," he said.

Bergkamp's first game for Arsenal will be against his old club Inter at



Dennis Bergkamp: "It's always been a dream of mine to play in England."

Highbury on August 10.

Bergkamp said: "Once I knew Arsenal wanted me I didn't think of any other team. It's been a dream of mine to play in England and I

believe the way teams play here will suit me because it's a much more attacking style than Italy."

His soccer-loving father named him Dennis - although with two Ns

exclusion. But UEFA said the Ukrainian champion, likely to be Dynamo Kiev, would compete should Red Star not play. The draw for the preliminary round of the European Cup will be made on July 12 in Geneva.

The Italians, who beat hosts Switzerland 1-0 just 24 hours earlier, never seriously threatened to turn the game around despite making five substitutions during the match.

PORTO BREAK 10-MONTH DEADLOCK

In the unusual setting of the Parc des Princes, about 35,000 Portuguese soccer fans saw Porto beat arch-rival Benfica in the second replay of Portugal's 1993-94 Supercup final.

Porto broke a 10-month

after Scottish great Dennis Law Bergkamp became an admirer of English soccer after his father took him to see Arsenal's arch-rival Tottenham and Glenn Hoddle in action in the 1980s.

Ironically, he is now Arsenal's record signing. Corriere dello Sport quoted Bergkamp as saying:

"London's the right place. I've been encouraged by what's happened to Jürgen Klinsmann. One season at Tottenham was enough for him to wipe out all the bitterness of Italy and be voted player of the year."

"Latin football has been a nightmare for me. I never, ever expected it to be such a difficult, bitter and disappointing experience."

Commenting on a possible move to Barcelona, he said: "Going to Spain from Italy wouldn't have made a great deal of difference."

Maybe the world of soccer is less complicated in Spain but it wasn't worth the risk."

Arsenal will be hoping for an off-the-field cash bonanza following Bergkamp's signing. The 26-year-old striker's four-year deal will reportedly make him the highest paid player in British football.

But if Arsenal fans pay homage to their new hero as devoutly as Tottenham's did when Klinsmann arrived last year, Arsenal's coffers could be filling up as soon as they empty into Bergkamp's bank account.

Highbury has room for an extra 3,400 fans at every home match over the average home attendance of 35,377 last season, and with seat prices averaging around \$A40, a capacity crowd at every match would generate a total of around \$A2.57 million.

That would almost pay Bergkamp's wages on its own but there will also be the extra cash spin-offs in terms of the demand for replicas kits and posters of the Dutchman.

newcomer Bolton has appointed former Derby boss Roy McFarland as its new manager following the departure of Bruce Rioch to Arsenal.

McFarland, 47, whose contract with Derby was not renewed at the end of last season, teams up again with former Eng and defensive partner Colin Todd, who will continue as assistant manager.

Bolton won its place in the premier league by beating

UNITED FAVOURITES AGAIN

Manchester United, which lost its English premiership title to Blackburn on the last day of last season, has been made favourite to win the championship next year.

Top bookmakers William Hill made United a 15-8 tip to regain its crown, with Blackburn 3-1, Liverpool 11-2 and Newcastle 7-1.

ENGLISH LEAGUE CUP

FIRST ROUND: Doncaster v Shrewsbury, Bradford v Blackpool, Chester v Wigan, Stockport v Wrexham, Preston v Sunderland, Chesterfield v Bury, Notts County v Lincoln, Rochdale v York, Crewe v Darlington, Mansfield v Burnley, Scarborough v Hartlepool, Scunthorpe v Rotherham, Huddersfield v Port Vale, Hull v Carlisle, Cambridge v Swindon, Hereford v Oxford, Gillingham v Bristol Rovers, Barnet v Charlton, Swansea v Peterborough, Walsall v Brentford, Portsmouth v Cardiff, Luton v Bournemouth, Wycombe v Leyton Orient, Colchester v Bristol City, Fulham v Brighton, Birmingham v Plymouth, Torquay v Exeter, West Bromwich v Northampton.

Matches to be played over two legs during weeks August 14-21.

HORTON JOINS HUDDERSFIELD

Brian Horton, who was sacked as manager of premier league Manchester City last month, was appointed the new manager of first division club Huddersfield Town last week.

Horton, 46, becomes Huddersfield's seventh manager in nine years and he maintains his career is still on the up even though he was sacked by City after two pressure-filled seasons in charge at Maine Road.

Manager Neil Warnock, who took the club up, left last month to manage Plymouth Argyle.

Cup preliminary round should the United Nations embargo on Yugoslavia force Red Star's

UEFA LISTS

• BEFORE 1993, UEFA competition final venues were chosen months in advance. Now, more sensibly, UEFA has a list from which they can choose according to which clubs reach the finals. There are two categories, one for 'five-star' stadia holding over 50,000 seats, another for those under 50,000 capacity or which, though large, may not quite meet all the criteria. Transport, communications and security arrangements from part of the assessment. Sixty or more stadia have been considered, of which seven are currently deemed 'five-star' list, and 10 'four-star'.

UEFA'S FIVE STAR STADIA:

Barcelona, Nou Camp
Milan, San Siro
Rome, Stadio Olimpico
Vienna, Ernst Happel Stadion
London, Wembley Stadium
Munich, Olympiastadion
Turin, Stadio Delle Alpi
Athens, Olympic Stadium
Copenhagen, Parkenstadion
Manchester, Old Trafford
Rotterdam, Feyenoord Stadion
Stockholm, Rasunda Stadion
Barl, Stadio San Nicola
Glasgow, Ibrox Park
Paris, Parc des Princes
San Sebastian, Estadio Anoeta
Stuttgart, Gottlieb-Daimler Stadion

old deadlock thanks to a 50th minute goal scored by Domingos on a pass from Rui Barros.

The match was staged in Paris after the two sides drew 1-1 in Lisbon and 0-0 in Porto last September.

As the second replay had to be held on a neutral ground, Portuguese soccer authorities took the unusual step of deciding to play the match in the French capital, which has a Portuguese community of more than half a million.

BOLTON APPOINT MCFARLAND

English premier league

SOUTH AMERICA

— COMPILED BY MARIO ETCHEART —

ARGENTINA FIRST DIVISION

— June 20 —	
Banfield	3
River Plate	2
Gimnasia de Jujuy	1
Mandiyu Corrientes	0
Newell's Old Boys	1
Independiente	3
San Lorenzo	1
Ferro Carril Oeste	0
Argentinos Juniors	0
Belgrano Cordoba	2
TABLE	
Gimnasia La Plata	18 12 5 1 29 12 29
San Lorenzo	18 13 2 3 30 12 28
Velez Sarsfield	18 11 4 3 28 12 26
Union Espanola	18 9 4 5 25 13 22
Boca Juniors	18 8 6 4 30 18 22
Racing Club	18 6 8 4 20 17 20
Rosario Central	18 5 9 4 29 22 19
Lanus	18 7 4 7 21 18 18
River Plate	18 7 4 7 28 27 18
Gimnasia Jujuy	18 5 8 5 18 19 18
Platense	18 3 11 4 11 12 17
Independiente	18 6 4 8 23 26 16
Ferro C. Oeste	18 4 7 7 11 19 15
Banfield	18 5 5 8 17 22 15
Newell's Old Boys	18 5 4 9 19 25 14
Mandiyu	18 3 8 7 16 23 14
Talleres Cordoba	18 3 7 8 19 29 13
Belgrano Cordoba	18 4 5 9 11 26 13
Huracan	18 3 6 9 18 33 12
Argentinos Jrs.	18 2 7 9 17 35 11

RIO DE JANEIRO, FINAL STAGE

— June 26 —

America	1	Botafogo	3
Flamengo	2	Fluminense	3
Vasco da Gama	1	Enterrriense	1
Volta Redonda	2	Bangu	2
TABLE			
Fluminense	14 10 3 1 25 10 33 0 33		
Flamengo	14 9 2 3 38 18 29 3 32		
Botafogo	14 9 2 3 25 8 29 1 30		
Vasco da Gama	14 5 6 3 21 12 21 1 22		
America	14 3 3 8 11 19 12 0 12		
Bangu	14 2 6 6 11 20 12 0 12		
Volta Redonda	14 3 3 8 12 31 12 0 12		
Enterrriense	14 1 3 10 6 31 6 0 6		
Fluminense win the championship.			

SAO PAULO CHAMPIONSHIP, SECOND STAGE

Group One

Mogi Mirim	1	Sao Paulo	2
Palmeiras	2	Guarani	1

Group Two

Santos	2	Corinthians	2
Portuguesa	3	Uniao Sao Joao	0

TABLE

Group One	
Palmeiras	2 1 1 0 4 3 4
Guarani	2 1 0 1 3 2 3
Sao Paulo	2 1 0 1 2 3 3
Mogi Mirim	2 0 1 1 3 4 1
Group Two	
Portuguesa	2 2 0 0 6 1 7
Corinthians	2 1 1 0 5 3 4
Santos	2 0 1 1 3 5 1
Uniao Sao Joao	2 0 0 2 1 6 0

Note: Winners of each group qualify for the final.

CANIGGA JOINS BOCA JUNIORS

Claudio Caniggia is set to join his former Argentine national captain and close friend Diego Maradona at Buenos Aires club Boca Juniors.

Caniggia has been playing for Portuguese club Benfica and represented Argentina in the last two World Cups.

sort for his incorporation here," Boca general-secretary Jesus Asain said on Argentine television.

Caniggia has been playing for Portuguese club Benfica and represented Argentina in the last two World Cups.

VENEZUELA STAR PULLS OUT AFTER ROW OVER MONEY

Venezuela will compete in next month's Copa America without its star player Stalin Rivas after a long row with officials from the Venezuelan Football Association (VFA).

Rivas, one of the highest scorers in the last South American nations championship, held in Ecuador in 1993, and the VFA couldn't reach an agreement on financial terms, and the player decided against participating in the tournament.

After a meeting between the national coach, Rafael Santana, and the VFA, Santana decided to withdraw Rivas from the team, in a decision strongly criticised

by the local press.

"The only thing I did was to have a meeting with the Association's officials to reconsider my wages during the Copa America," said Rivas, surprised by the decision.

"I don't want people to believe that it was my decision not to play for the national team. They decided to let me out of the team. It is their problem, not mine. However, I have nothing against Rafael Santana," added Rivas.

Venezuela will travel to Uruguay on July 1, and will make its debut on July 5 against the host nation, Uruguay, in the opening match of the competition.

The Venezuelan team

for the Copa America is:

Goalkeepers: Gilberto Angelucci who plays for Argentine club San Lorenzo, and Rafael Dudamel.

Defenders: William Gonzalez, Luis Filosa, Andres Paz, Edson Trololo, Elvis Martinez and Alexander Hezzel.

Midfielders: Gabriel Miranda, Gerson Diaz, Edson Rodriguez, Noel San Vicente, Sergio Hernandez, Jesus Valbuena, Marcos Mathias and Leonardo Gonzalez.

Strikers: Jose Luis Dolguetta, Juan Garcia, Pedro Felipe Camacho and Dionny Guerra.

Venezuela is in Group A, with Uruguay, Mexico and Paraguay.

FIFA REJECTS DIEGO APPEAL

FIFA, refused a plea from Argentina's Diego Maradona last week to reduce his 15-month playing ban by two months.

The penalty imposed on Maradona for failing a dope test during last year's World Cup finals in the United States "was imposed by the Commission of the World Cup '94 Organizing Committee and cannot be appealed," said FIFA secretary general Sepp Blatter.

Maradona said last week he would send a fax or travel to FIFA's Zurich headquarters to ask for a reduced ban that would allow him to start playing for his new club Boca Juniors from the beginning of Argentina's soccer season in August.

"I have been dreaming of playing for Boca for the past 14 years," said an ecstatic Maradona some days ago.

But Maradona's relationship with FIFA has been a rocky one. In the past few months, he has called FIFA president Joao Havelange and Blatter a bunch of "mallos" and "crooks".

Last week he suggested Brazilian former soccer great Pele should take over from Havelange to head the organisation "so that someone who understands soccer is in charge".

Bolivia's "Platini" to miss Copa America



Bolivia's 1994 World Cup team: Back Row: Quinteros, Trucco, Rimba, Cristaldo, Sandy. Front Row: Erwin Sanchez, Borja, Melgar, Baldvieso, Ramallo, Soria.

BOLIVIA, will travel to Uruguay to participate in the Copa America without one of its best players: Erwin "Platini" Sanchez, who plays for Portuguese side Boavista.

According to Bolivia's Spanish coach, Antonio Lopez, former assistant to compatriot Javier Azkagorta, who's now in charge of the Chilean national team, Sanchez decided not to participate in the championship because he is still suffering from an injury sustained one month ago, and because he needs a long rest before the next Portuguese league, due to start next August.

Two former World Cup campaigners, veteran Vladimir Soria and William Ramallo, were surprisingly omitted from the squad by Lopez.

Bolivia will participate in Group C, together with the current champions, Argentina, Chile and Team USA.

The Bolivian team for the Copa America is:

Goalkeepers: Mauricio Soria, Carlos Trucco and Marcelo Torrico.

Defenders: Juan C. Rulz, Carlos Borja, Gustavo Quinteros, Miguel Rimba, Marcos Sandy, Oscar Sanchez, Luis Cristaldo and Ivan Castillo.

Midfielders: Milton Melgar, Juan Manuel Pena, Mauricio Ramos, Marco Etcheverry, Roberto Arteaga and Julio Baldvieso.

Strikers: Jaime Moreno, Miguel Mercado, Alvaro Pena, Berthy Suarez, Demetrio Angola, Tomas Gutierrez, Raul Medeiros and Raul Gutierrez.



Gabriel Batistuta: Set up the first, won a penalty and score twice.



SOUTH AMERICA

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Club Champions

VENUEZUELA

YEAR	CHAMPION
1921	AMERICA
1922	CENTRO ATLETICO
1923	AMERICA
1924	CENTRO ATLETICO
1925	LOYOLA SC
1926	CENTRO ATLETICO
1927	VENZOLO
1928	DEPORTIVO VENEZUELA
1929	DEPORTIVO VENEZUELA
1930	CENTRO ATLETICO
1931	DEPORTIVO VENEZUELA
1932	UNION SC
1933	DEPORTIVO VENEZUELA
1934	UNION SC
1935	UNION SC
1936	DOS CAMINOS SC
1937	DOS CAMINOS SC
1938	DOS CAMINOS SC
1940	UNION SC
1941	UNION SC
1942	DOS CAMINOS SC
1943	LOYOLA SC
1944	LOYOLA SC
1945	DOS CAMINOS SC
1946	DEPORTIVO ESPANOL
1947	UNION SC
1948	LOYOLA SC
1949	DOS CAMINOS SC
1950	UNION SC
1951	UNIVERSIDAD CENTRAL
1952	DEPORTIVO VASCO
1953	LA SALLE
1956	BANCO OBRERO
1957	UNIVERSIDAD CENTRAL
1958	DEPORT PORTUGUES
1959	DEPORTIVO ESPANOL
1960	DEPORT PORTUGUES
1961	DEPORTIVO ITALIA
1962	DEPORT. PORTUGUES
1963	DEPORTIVO ITALIA
1964	GALICIA FC
1965	LARA FC
1966	DEPORTIVO ITALIA
1967	DEPORT. PORQUES
1968	UNION D CANARIAS
1969	GALICIA FC
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1979	DEPORT. TACHIRA
1980	ESTUDIANTES DE MERIDA
1981	DEPORT. TACHIRA
1982	ATLETICO SAN CRISTOBAL
1983	UNIVERSIDAD LOS ANDES
1984	DEPORT. TACHIRA
1985	ESTUDIANTES DE MERIDA
1986	DEPORT TACHIRA
1986/87	CS MARITIMO
1987/88	CS MARITIMO
1988/89	MINEROS DE GUAYANA
1989/90	CS MARITIMO
1990/91	UNIVERSIDAD LOS ANDES
1991/92	CARACAS FC
1992/93	CS MARITIMO
1993/94	CARACAS FC

PARAGUAY

YEAR	CHAMPION
1906	GUARANI (UNDEFEATED)
1907	GUARANI (UNDEFEATED)
1908	NO HUBO
1909	NACIONAL
1910	LIBERTAD
1911	NACIONAL
1912	OLIMPIA
1913	CERRO PORTEÑO (UNDEFEATED)
1914	OLIMPIA
1915	CERRO PORTEÑO
1916	OLIMPIA
1917	LIBERTAD
1918	CERRO PORTEÑO
1919	CERRO PORTEÑO
1920	LIBERTAD
1921	GUARANI
1922	NO HUBO
1923	GUARANI
1924	NACIONAL
1925	OLIMPIA
1926	NACIONAL
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1928	OLIMPIA
1929	OLIMPIA
1930	LIBERTAD
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1955	OLIMPIA
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1957	OLIMPIA
1958	OLIMPIA
1959	OLIMPIA (UNDEFEATED)
1960	OLIMPIA
1961	CERRO PORTENO
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1975	OLIMPIA
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1981	OLIMPIA
1982	OLIMPIA
1983	GUARANI
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1985	OLIMPIA
1986	SOL DE AMERICA
1987	CERRO PORTEÑO
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1989	OLIMPIA
1990	CERRO PORTEÑO
1991	SO DE AMERICA
1992	CERRO PORTEÑO
1993	OLIMPIA
1994	CERRO PORTEÑO

ARGENTINA

YEAR	CHAMPION
1931	BOCA JUNIORS
1932	RIVER PLATE
1933	SAN LORENZO
1934	BOCA JUNIORS
1935	BOCA JUNIORS
1936	RIVER PLATE
1937	RIVER PLATE
1938	INDEPENDIENTE
1939	INDEPENDIENTE
1940	BOCA JUNIORS
1941	RIVER PLATE
1942	RIVER PLATE
1943	BOCA JUNIORS
1944	BOCA JUNIORS
1945	RIVER PLATE
1946	SAN LORENZO
1947	RIVER PLATE
1948	INDEPENDIENTE
1949	RACING CLUB
1950	RACING CLUB
1951	RACING CLUB
1952	RIVER PLATE
1953	RIVER PLATE
1954	BOCA JUNIORS
1955	RIVER PLATE
1956	RIVER PLATE
1957	RIVER PLATE
1958	RACING CLUB
1959	SAN LORENZO
1960	INDEPENDIENTE
1961	RACING CLUB
1962	BOCA JUNIORS
1963	INDEPENDIENTE
1964	BOCA JUNIORS
1965	BOCA JUNIORS
1966	RACING CLUB
1967	ESTUDIANTES (M)
1968	SAN LORENZO (M)
1969	VELEZ SARSFIELD (M)
1970	INDEPENDIENTE (M)
1971	BOCA JUNIORS (M)
1972	SAN LORENZO (M)
1973	SAN LORENZO (M)
1974	NEWELL'S OLD BOYS (M)
1975	RIVER PLATE (M)
1976	BOCA JUNIORS (M)
1977	RIVER PLATE (M)
1978	QUILMES (M)
1979	INDEPENDIENTE (M)
1980	RIVER PLATE (M)
1981	RIVER PLATE (M)
1982	RIVER PLATE (M)
1983	ESTUDIANTES (M)
1984	ESTUDIANTES (M)
1985	ESTUDIANTES (M)
1986	FERRO C. OESTE (M)
1987	FERRO C. OESTE (M)
1988	ARGENTINOS J. (M)
1989	ARGENTINOS J. (M)
1990	RIVER PLATE (M)
1991	NEWELL'S OLD BOYS (C)
1992	BOCA JUNIORS (A)
1993	VELEZ SARSFIELD (C)
1994	RIVER PLATE (A)
1995	INDEPENDIENTE (C)
1996	RIVER PLATE (A)
1997	INDEPENDIENTE (C)
1998	RIVER PLATE (A)
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2015	INDEPENDIENTE (C)
2016	RIVER PLATE (A)
2017	INDEPENDIENTE (C)
2018	RIVER PLATE (A)
2019	INDEPENDIENTE (C)
2020	RIVER PLATE (A)
2021	INDEPENDIENTE (C)
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2049	INDEPENDIENTE (C)
2050	RIVER PLATE (A)

UK SOCCER SUPPORTERS DOWN UNDER

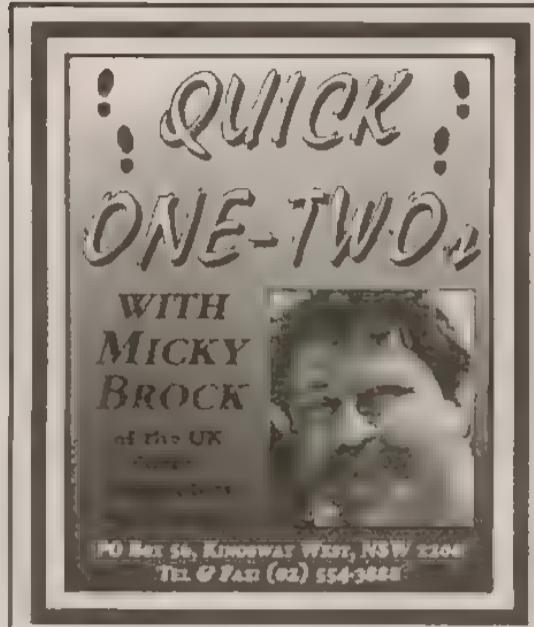


It didn't happen at the Olyroo v West Ham game and I put it down to the face that most people there were ex-pats like myself but it then DIDN'T happen the other Sunday at the footie stadium either! What am I talking about? Singing the National Anthem! Obviously when the Ghanaian anthem was on you could hear their small band of supporters on the other side of the stadium singing because a/ we didn't know the words and b/ it was in French anyway.

This excuse cannot be used by all of the "so called" Australian supporters though as the words are displayed on the giant screen. I read the "letter page" in here and although agreeing with some points made, I feel that most of it is vitriolic crap!

A lot of it is ill-informed at best or just plain nonsense. Obviously it would be a very boring place if we all agreed on everything but please!

My 6-year-old son Liam was singing the anthem, my daughter Sarah who is only 4yo joined in with the words "Advance Australia Fair" and we were made to feel foolish for doing so as people stared at us as if from another planet! Three young lads behind me continued to talk about Zeljko Kalac and Co as if nothing was happening, then a gentleman (very loosely termed) passed wind and certain sections of the crowd started to laugh hysterically. Very few even attempted to sing along which is disgraceful in any language! The "ethnic" issue has been raised many times in recent months/years but it still remains a fact that IF you are born in Australia you are an AUSTRALIAN first. If you chose to live here you have an obligation to uphold the social and legal laws of this country FIRST.



No-one is saying that our/your heritage is something which must be forgotten about, we'd be hypocrites if we said otherwise, but what about showing a bit of that "ethnic passion" (for countries most of you have never even visited) for the country you live, work and play in and most of you were born in! (I apologise unreservedly to those who are tarred with this brush but hope you can see the point I'm making).

Without embracing EVERY community in Australia, this great game of ours will die a slow, lingering painful death in this country for all the efforts put in by some. This is where we live and this is where we must support the game and a simple start would be to sing the anthem at the next international match. Show the team that they are at HOME, get a spirit of Australia going like the supporters of the "Ultra Socceroo Fanatics" do (although for the morons who bring the flares: STAY AT HOME YOU IDIOTS!),

or the group of schoolboys to my right who kept up the chant of "Oggy, oggy, oggy" and actually made some bloody noise! Even when Vidman scored after just five minutes hardly a cheer could be heard around the area I was sitting in. This is crazy because the more noise the "home supporters" make, the harder and more inhospitable it becomes for the visitors.

However, let's try and take it one step at a time by singing the national anthem at the next match please and perhaps after a while the prejudices of centuries in far flung corners of Europe and beyond will subside to create that little feeling of national pride, a sense of belonging. Should this ever happen, it's but a small step to signing throughout the game, creating a "family atmosphere" and becoming what we all should be — FOOTBALL SUPPORTERS united as one under the one flag. What do you say to giving it a go or is that just too alien or radical for some of you out there?

Issue four of STUDS UP! will be out very shortly and my good friend the editor, Kevin Christopher, has sent me up a rough draught of the great "Soccer Summit" article. makes for excellent reading and will open a few eyes for sure and certain. Copies are priced at \$3 and obtainable from PO BOX 53 OAKLEIGH SOUTH, VICTORIA. For a look at Australian football from a supporters point of view, this is the one to go for and of course you can always read about the ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL SUPPORTERS in AUSTRALIA (AFSA) which includes membership details.

Although we are independent of each other, we are all after the same thing which is a better deal for the supporters and a more informed look at what the fans want. Who could ask for more?

Membership of AFSA is now open and is very simple to join. If you join now your membership lasts until December 31 1996. Cost is a mere \$10 plus one passport sized photo (for your membership card) and the usual details and the name of the team you follow (Arsenal, Barcelona, Juventus, Celtic etc). Being a member of AFSA means you can command a discount on most items in our very extensive merchandise range, cheaper prices for the SPORTS FACTORY (NSW) run by former Socceroo great Ray Richards, 10% discount on books from the MELBOURNE SPORTS BOOK STORE at 9 Elizabeth St, Melbourne, Vic. 3000. Obviously discounts will only be accepted on production of your photo

card and these are for singles only (unfortunately we cannot deal in family cards) at present).

For more details on what we can offer please ring 0055 26612 before deciding and then check our prices against those elsewhere, it's the best advert we can give ourselves as we know you'll be back.

Season Highlight videos for just \$47.95 (\$45 for members) is only a small insight to what you can save so what are you waiting for? Profits from AFSA will be used to help the game in Australia (either with promotions for the kids) or given to charity and NOT in NSW.

We're SERIOUS about the game, are you? All cheques/money orders made payable to UKSSD please and sent to usual address.

This is your last chance to win a 1994/95 season Southampton Jersey from our good friend Mark at Eurokit. All you have to do is answer a very simple question: Who was the "Saints" leading goalscorer last season? Answers on a postcard to "Matt Le Tissier Competition" at the usual address please. We'll send out details of AFSA and price-list with the savings you can make to all entrants.

Lastly for this week, CALLING ALL ACCRINGTON STANLEY fans! A young gentleman by the name of Dave Harby is interested in writing a newsletter on the above to any supporters of the team out here. Anyone out there interested (like me for starters because I love non-league football) can contact Dave direct at: 3 Acrewell Terrace, Monyash Road, Bakewell DE45-1FG. It only costs a \$1.20 stamp to find out more so get going!

THE RON TILSED INTERVIEW

(or *The Tilsedgate Tapes*)

Micky Brock: You were the reserve team goalkeeper during the heady "double days" at Highbury. It must have been a high point in your career to be around so many great players?

Ron Tilsed: Well it was a buzz, I mean not only a buzz to be there but to be associated with a club like Arsenal and to walk into the dressing room with players there like Bob Wilson, Peter Marinello (who became a lifelong friend and the Gunners first 100,000 pound signing and was supposed to be the next Georgie Best when signed from Hibernian), Peter Storey, George "the Stroller" Graham. They all became "mates" and it was just incredible to be associated with people like that. It was like Disney World coming true to a lad like me.

MB: You mention George Graham which is still a topical subject at present but on/off the pitch was reputed to be a bit of a larrikin but then became one of the strictest managers in the game?

RT: Just incredible, the transition really and not one of the people you would have expected it of. Probably players like McLintock would have been more of a success as a manager maybe. Alan Ball has proved his worth now and perhaps people like Bobby Wilson but no, it was a surprise he did because not a lot of great players make that transfer from good player to manager. It's a

tough one because being a great player does not give you a divine right to being a good or great manager. As we know, many players have tried their hand in management but not all can make a go of it.

There have been some great managers who've never really been great players such as Lawrie McMenemy — ex-Scots Guardman — and one or two others of note but there is still no divine law that makes you a great manager either. George's career has been fantastic and it's a pity his record has been blotted by recent events, I don't think he would have liked this to happen but is it true? I don't know and maybe none of us ever will?

MB: When you look at the players at Arsenal in the early 70s, the names just trip off the tongue, Charlie George, Ray Kennedy, John Radford, Stroller, Frank McLintock, Bob Wilson, Peter Storey, Eddie Kelly, Sammy Nelson and of course my old favourite George Armstrong?

RT: It was Georgie Armstrong who kept my mate Peter Marinello out of the side. Pete couldn't get a game because Georgie was just so consistent week in, week out. He always put in the full 90 minutes, 110% effort up and down that wing with a work rate, I've never seen a player give so much of a game. You just couldn't get in the side. Much as they liked Peter at Highbury, the North Bank loved him when

OFFICIAL FANZINE DIRECTORY

MICKY BROCK

Once again this week we take a small break from fanzines and tell you about some very interesting publications from THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF FOOTBALL HISTORY AND STATISTICS. These books are available through us at the usual address. All cheques/money order etc MUST be made payable to the UKSSD please.

IFFHS 1

Contents include: Australia 1900-1920 Interstate line-ups. Australia 1900-1920 Gardiner Cup line-ups, New Zealand 1900-1920 Brown Shield, Copa America 1989 complete record, Sth American

Championships 1916-1920, European Cup 1955-1958 complete record, Inter Cities Fairs Cup 1958-1960 complete record.

IFFHS 2

Contents include: European Cup 1959-1960 complete record, Asian Championship Cup 1992, 1992 IFFHS Awards & Player Records, 1992 Top 100 World's Clubs, Denmark Internationals 1988-1920, Finland Internationals 1911-1920, Japan Internationals 1917-1920, Luxembourg Internationals 1911-1920.

IFFHS 4

Contents include: European Cup 1960-1961 complete record, Holland Internationals 1905-1920, CONCACAF Gold Cup 1993, Russia Internationals 1912-1914, USA Internationals 1916-1920, Norway Internationals 1908-1920, Wales Internationals 1876-1920.

IFFHS 5

Contents include: European Cup 1962-1963 complete record, Switzerland Internationals 1905-1920, Sweden Internationals 1908-1920, Hungary Internationals 1902-1920.

IFFHS 6

Contents include: European Cup 1962-63 complete record, 1993 Footballer of the Year, 1992 Top 100 World's Clubs, Austria Internationals 1902-1920, Clubs Supercups 1960-1963.

IFFHS 3

Contents include: Germany Internationals 1904-1920, Copa America 1993 complete record, Italy Internationals 1910-1920, England Internationals 1872-1920.

IFFHS 7

Contents include: Euro Cup 1963-64 complete record, African Championships 1994, Argentina Internationals 1902-1920, Ireland Internationals 1882-1920, Clubs Supercups 1964-1966.

IFFHS 8

Contents include: Euro Cup 1964-1965 complete record, Clubs Supercup 1967-1970, 1994 World Cup Finals, Official World Records 1871-1900.

IFFHS 9

Contents include: Welsh Cup 1900-1920, English League Records and Statistics including scores 1900-1920.

IFFHS 10

Contents include: Countries Domestic Histories and

SOME Stats 1900-1920

for Albania, Byelorussia, Bulgaria, Canada, Estonia, Greece, Guatemala, Jamaica, Lithuania, Mexico, Norway, Panama & Turkey, British Interleague matches 1900-1920.

IFFHS 13

Contents include: Euro Cup 1965-1966 complete record, 1994 Top 166 World's Clubs, Clubs Supercup 1971-1975, Scotland Internationals 1872-1920.

IFFHS 14

Contents include: French Unofficial Internationals 1915-1919, French Cups to 1920, Denmark Domestic History 1900-1920, Danish Cup 1912-1920, Denmark Provincial Championships 1900-1920.

IFFHS 11

Contents include: French Unofficial Internationals 1915-1919, French Cups to 1920, Denmark Domestic History 1900-1920, Danish Cup 1912-1920, Denmark Provincial Championships 1900-1920.

IFFHS 12

Contents include: English FA Cup 1900-1920, Spain Domestic History 1900-1920, Spanish Cup 1902-1920, Switzerland Domestic History 1900-1920, Swiss Cup 1902-1920, Swiss-Anglo Cup 1909-1912.

IFFHS 17

Contents include: East German Football 1956-1957, East German Internationals 1956-1957.

IFFHS 18

Contents include: Domestic history 1920-1933, German Championships and Stats Record 1920-1933, German Minor Leagues 1920-1933.

IFFHS 19

Contents include: Superb detailed coverage of the 1930 World Cup with masses of excellent photographs and full statistics. All books priced at \$32.50 each except for 18 & 19 which are priced at \$57.50 each. Price includes AIRMAIL p+p from the UK and allow 28 days for delivery.

UK SOCCER SUPPORTERS DOWNUNDER

Former Arsenal 'keeper was NSL pioneer

he came on (he was usually the sub) with his fleeting runs down the right wing, it was just magical but he couldn't get a start because Georgie was so consistent. I was lucky enough to be the reserve team goalkeeper but the players coming through at that time, Liam Brady, David Donaldson, Frankie Stapleton, Brian Hornsby, Brendan Bateson and of course players coming back from injury like Bob McNab and Peter Simpson, our team was just phenomenal. We played Leicester City on a Friday night and beat them 6-0 and they had almost a full team out in the reserves but this just shows how good we were at that time and the depth of players that Arsenal had. We managed to win the football Combination in 1971/72 and most of those players went on to become first team regulars either at Arsenal or with other clubs in their own right.

MB: Every club has the "joker" and the quiet players who were they in that line-up?

RT: The joker all the time was Charlie George. I've never seen a player with so much ability, he'd make you cry. He could do anything he wanted to. I remember we used to go to the indoor stadium before a big match and on a Monday morning for a five-a-side and he'd take Alan Ball aside and talk about the game on Saturday and Charlie would just be messing around but he could do anything he put his mind to...but he had to want to do it!

He could hit a ball 30/40 yards without blinking an eye and hit a player on the back of the head almost at will, he had such incredible ability.

He was a little bit lazy really and only did it when he felt like it but he was a "superstar" in every sense of the word.

The quiet ones or those who never said a word... Peter Storey, you never quite knew he was there. After a game it was head down and never said two words but on the park it was totally different. If you gave him a job to do he'd do it and control the whole of the midfield into the bargain.

MB: Bertie Mee always came across as the "traditional" type of Arsenal manager, what was he like?

RT: Arsenal were led by a very shrewd manager in Bertie Mee but he didn't have to do too much with so many gifted players on the park on a Saturday afternoon. I read that someone in the UK just paid \$19m for a "superstar", I hate to think what Bertie's "double winning" team would be worth today.

We had two great strikers up front in Radford and Kennedy, supported by Armstrong and when the chips were down you could guarantee that one of them would score and the rest of the team would then do their bit. I must add that it's a great shame to see Ray Kennedy in his present condition as he was a truly gifted player and the medals he won with Arsenal and Liverpool would testify to. However, Bertie did use to be a "tracksuit" manager but was rather aloof and didn't have a lot to do with players but my coach at that time was Steve Burtenshaw because Don Howe was more with the first team. Steve was the mastermind, the tactician and we just used to go out



Charlie George: Ron Tilised says he has never seen a player with so much ability.

and train whilst our reserve matches, with so many good players around, virtually ran themselves.

We'd go and practice a few free-kicks and corners and taking nothing away from Steve, Bertie or Don, these were the best players in Europe and didn't need a lot of coaching at that time, everyone knew what they had to do and went out and did it when it mattered, on Saturday afternoons. It must have been a manager's delight to have these players under him.

MB: What about your days in the England Youth

Team?

RT: That has to go down as one of the highlights of my career and I suppose a lot of people were a bit disappointed that I never really kicked-on to become a superstar in the game like my old room-mate from back then, Trevor Francis. In 1971 was a good year for me. We went to Czechoslovakia for the "mini World Cup". The team consisted of players like myself, Don Shanks (QPR), Micky Dillon (Spurs), Trevor Francis (Birmingham City), Bobby Parker (Capt) (Coventry) and even my

reserve 'keeper was Jim McDonagh who went on to play for Everton. I was fortunate to get the "Player of the Tournament" award and we beat Russia in the semi-final on penalties and I managed to save three out of five before beating Portugal 3-0 in the final in front of 100,000 people, which must go down as the highlight really. Also I replaced Roger Jones at Bournemouth (who was an Under 23 'keeper and reserve to Peter Shilton in that England U23 side) and became the youngest player to appear in the league at the

age of 16 which was a real buzz too.

MB: You had a hell of an act to follow at Highbury with Bob Wilson and Geoff Barnett ahead of you, not much of a chance of first team football?

RT: True, there was no chance of getting into the first team with those two there and Peter Marinello and I were bought by Portsmouth. I broke my arm there and got a bit disillusioned with the game and played in Sth Africa for a few years and then became the first "overseas" player bought for the commencement of the new Phillips NSL League here in Australia in 1977. But I've had a great career, travelled the world, met some wonderful people but now I've settled here and I'm an "Aussie citizen" (certificate displayed proudly on the wall) and I've come to a great city and a great country but without football I would never have done all of this. No regrets whatsoever.

MB: Playing career over, what's ahead now?

RT: My last involvement was with the Socceroos and I prepared the goalkeepers for the first World Cup and worked with the likes of Terry Greedy, Tony Franken etc and I still like to work with 'keepers whenever I'm asked to. Coaching clinics perhaps but I'm not contracted to any NSL/Super League clubs at the moment and I might look at that next season maybe and perhaps run freelance goalkeeping clinics? I've been used in this capacity by Eddie Thomson, Rale Rasic and Raul Blanco so who knows?

MB: Many people enjoyed your role as an FA

Cup panelist on SBS, anymore TV work in the pipeline?

RT: SBS have invited me on a couple of times and I'd like to think I can make a go of it. I obviously have the "gift of the gab" which I think has become part of all of us who've been associated with "Cockney's" (Cockney — traditionally people born within the sound of Bow Bells in London but generally these days, anyone from London) who are referred to as the "salt of the earth" and I agree with that, but I do enjoy speaking and I have been asked a couple of times and yes! I would hope it leads to doing a bit more. If I get the opportunity I would certainly like to anyway.

MB: I certainly hope so too Ron and many thanks for your time mate.

After this I thanked Ron for his time and must add that he makes a great cup of tea but as much as I wanted to head off to the gym with him for a workout, time was pressing you understand and so bet a hasty retreat to the safety of the train station. All in all it was great talking to a man with a passion for the game and one or two radical ideas on helping it progress.

However, any members of the Australian Arsenal Supporters Club can read the entire unblemished interview over the next couple of issues of the gunners Gazette. I'd like to wish Ron all the very best and it's great to see someone on the TV who KNOWS what they are talking about when it comes to UK football. More of it please and the sooner the better, those concerned please take note!

Ipswich Town: Demanding success

Ipswich Town FC were formed in October 1878. In 1888 the club moved to Portman Road, remaining amateur during this time.

In the 1920s there were suggestions of a new professional club being set up, Ipswich United. In 1936 Town turned professional, the reserve team remaining amateur.

At this time Ipswich was the largest English town not to have had a professional football side. Two years later Town were elected to replace Gillingham in the Football League's Division Three South.

Their first season, 1938/39, saw Town finish seventh, but after only one league season WWII interrupted Ipswich's progress. The club was closed down during the war. In 1946/47 saw Ipswich again

YOUR FAVOURITE CLUB
By Stuart Jones
Ipswich Town

finish out of a promotion place, this time finishing sixth. The next season the side came fourth, and they remained in Division Three South until 1954.

The 1953/54 season saw Ipswich win their first title. It also meant promotion to Division Two. They lasted only one season, finishing

goals, 41 in the league, for Town.

In 1961 Ipswich won Division Two by a point and so entered Division One for the first time. The following year Ipswich won Division One on the first attempt. It was a remarkable achievement as they had only played 17 seasons of league football.

Two seasons later Ipswich finished last and were relegated. They started well in Division Two, defeating Plymouth 7-0 in November 1964. They were to repeat this scoreline in 1974 and 1976 against Southampton and WBA respectively. In 1968 Ipswich again won Division Two, this time by a point over both QPR and Blackpool. In 1973 Town finished a credible fourth in Division One. In 1975 they came third, just two points

off the top. In the FA Cup that season 38,010 people at Portman Road saw Ipswich play Leeds. Ipswich progressed to the semi's of that competition where they lost to West Ham United.

From 1968 to 1982 Bobby Robson was manager of Ipswich during which time they never left Division One. In the 1977/78 FA Cup final Ipswich upset Arsenal to take out their first FA Cup. In the League Cup the furthest the team has got is a semi-final appearance in 1981/82. This was a year after Ipswich's greatest triumph.

The 1980/81 UEFA Cup saw victories over Aris Saloni, Bohemians, Nidzne Lodz, St Etienne, Cologne, and finally over AZ67 Alkmaar. The two-legged final saw Ipswich win 3-0 in the first leg and lose 2-4 in

LEAGUE HONOURS

NICKNAME: Town, Super Blues

HONOURS: Division One: 1961/62
Division Two: 1960/61, 1967/68, 1991/92
Division Three South: 1953/54, 1956/57
FA Cup: 1977/78
UEFA Cup: 1980/81

GROUND: Portman Road, Ipswich, IP1 2DA.

the second, therefore winning the UEFA Cup 5-4 on aggregate. The club played in eight UEFA Cup campaigns between 1973 and 1983. They also played in the European Cup Winners' Cup in 1978/79.

In 1983 Ipswich lost 1-10 to Fulham in Division One, their greatest ever defeat. Ipswich were relegated after coming third last by a point in 1986. In 1991/92 they won Division Two by four points and so became founder members of the new Premier League. The 1992/93 season saw quarter-final

appearances in both Cups and a 16th place finish in the league.

The 1994/95 season was not so successful and Ipswich will want to turn things around next season so as to become one of the elite teams again.

Portman Road has a current all-seater capacity of 22,559. It is a far cry from the ground in 1952 when there were still wooden bleachers along the west touchline. Ipswich demand such an improvement in their current team's performances as well.

'6 FROM 38 POOLS'

THIS WEEK'S MATCH LIST

WEEK 518
SAT. 1ST JULY, 1995

NSW DIV. 2	FAIRFIELD	LIVERPOOL	1
LEAGUE DIV. 2	TRASANDINOS	UNIVERSITY	2
VICTORIA STATE	COLO COLO	HURSTVILLE	3
LEAGUE DIV. 2	GREYSTANES	ALEXANDRIA	4
VICTORIA STATE	REGENT	MOORABBIN	5
LEAGUE DIV. 2	EAST ALTONA	NUNAWADING C.	6
VICTORIA STATE	BELL PARK	SPRINGVALE W.	7
LEAGUE DIV. 2	ALTONA CITY	CLIFTON HILL	8
VICTORIA STATE	E. BRUNS. R.	MOOROOLBARK	9
LEAGUE DIV. 2	CHELSEA	E. RICHMOND	10
VICTORIA STATE	BANYULE	SEAFORD UTD	11
LEAGUE DIV. 2	SANDRINGHAM	STH DANDENONG	12
VICTORIA STATE	PASCOE VALE	FRANKSTON	13
LEAGUE DIV. 2	SUNBURY UTD	WESTVALE	14
VICTORIA STATE	KEILOR EAGLES	MELBOURNE C.	15
LEAGUE DIV. 2	STH CAULFIELD	FITZROY CITY	16
WEST. AUST. DIVISION 1	SORRENTO	PERTH	17
WEST. AUST. DIVISION 2	STIRLING LIONS	SPEARWOOD	18
WEST. AUST. DIVISION 2	FREMANTLE C.	BAYSWATER	19
WEST. AUST. DIVISION 2	ATHENA	STIRLING P.	20
WEST. AUST. DIVISION 2	KINGSWAY	BALCATTIA	21
WEST. AUST. DIVISION 2	NORTH PERTH	COCKBURN	22
WEST. AUST. DIVISION 2	DIANELLA	SOUTHSIDE	23
WEST. AUST. DIVISION 2	S VARDAR	ASHFIELD	24
WEST. AUST. DIVISION 2	ROCKINGHAM	MELVILLE	25
WEST. AUST. DIVISION 2	BASSENDEAN	MORLEY	26
SA. PREMIER LEAGUE	PORT LION	CAMPBELLTOWN	27
SA. PREMIER LEAGUE	ADELAIDE R	CROYDON	28
SA. PREMIER LEAGUE	BLUE EAGLES	SALISBURY	29
SA. PREMIER LEAGUE	MODBURY	WOODVILLE	30
SA. PREMIER LEAGUE	GOODNA	SLACKS CREEK	31
SA. PREMIER LEAGUE	NEWMARKET	ANNERLEY	32
SA. PREMIER LEAGUE	ALBANY	REDLANDS	33
QLD DIV. 3	SAMFORD	LOGANHOLME	34
QLD DIV. 3	WESTERN SUBS.	STHSIDE EAGLES	35
QLD DIV. 3	SOMERSET	WESTERN SUBS.	36
QLD DIV. 3	KNIGHTS	BURNIE	37
QLD DIV. 3	GEOGETOWN	ST LEONARDS	38

RESERVE MATCHES

WEST. AUSTRALIA DIVISION 3	JOONDALUP	WEST YUGAL	39
SA. STATE LEAGUE	QUEENS PK	ARMADALE PK	40
SA. STATE LEAGUE	UNIVERSITY	BALGA	41
SA. STATE LEAGUE	NORTH LAKE	VASTO S	42
SA. STATE LEAGUE	PERTH CITY	WANNEROO	43
SA. STATE LEAGUE	BUNBURY UTD	GERALDTON	44
SA. STATE LEAGUE	ELIZABETH	NOARLUNGA	45
SA. STATE LEAGUE	PLYMPTON	CUMBERLAND	46
SA. STATE LEAGUE	OLYMPIANS	ADELAIDE C	47
SA. STATE LEAGUE	W T BIRKALLA	PARA HILLS	48
SA. STATE LEAGUE	SEAFORD	ENFIELD	49
SA. AMATEUR LEAGUE	C.B.C. CITY	ADELAIDE R.	50
SA. AMATEUR LEAGUE	ST PETERS O. C.	FLINDERS UNI.	51
SA. AMATEUR LEAGUE	HELLENIC	EAST SUBURBS	52
SA. AMATEUR LEAGUE	ADELAIDE UNI.	OLD IGNATIANS	53
SA. AMATEUR LEAGUE	MESSINIAN	ADEL. RODOS	54
TAS. NTH DIV. 1	METRO	UNIVERSITY	55
TAS. NTH DIV. 1	DOSA	PHOENIX	56
TAS. NTH DIV. 1	WHITE EAGLE	KINGBOROUGH	57
TAS. NTH DIV. 1	HOWRAH	RAPID	58

* NEW SOUTH WALES DIVISION 1
+ NEW SOUTH WALES DIVISION 3

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Don't forget
Pools Quick Pick

MATCH RESULTS

WEEK 517
SAT. 24TH JUNE, 1995

THE POOLS RESULTS HISTORY AT 24/6/95 WEEK 517

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Results History is from Week 38, the start of six from 38 Pools

RESULTS OF WEEK 517 SAT. JUNE 24, 1995

Winning Match Numbers (in numerical order):
7, 8, 12, 18, 34, 38.
Supplementary Number 35.

FORM GUIDE FOR WEEK 518

NSW DIV. 1	LIVERPOOL	CENTRAL COAST	1 0-5
NSW DIV. 2	STH MINOTAUR	FAIRFIELD	2 PP
LEAGUE DIV. 2	COLO COLO	UNIVERSITY	3 1-2
VICTORIA STATE	PROSPECT UTD	GLADESVILLE	4 0-5
LEAGUE DIV. 2	CLARINDA	BENT. GREENS	5 0-3
VICTORIA STATE	ALTONA CITY	SPRINGVALE W.	6 0-1
LEAGUE DIV. 2	CLIFTON HILL	CHELSEA	7 1-1
VICTORIA STATE	E. RICHMOND	E. BRUNS. R.	8 2-2
LEAGUE DIV. 2	MOORABBIN	RINGWOOD C.	9 2-0
VICTORIA STATE	MOOROOLBARK	REGENT	10 0-1
LEAGUE DIV. 2	NUNAWADING C.	BELL PARK	11 1-0
VICTORIA STATE	WAVERLEY	EAST ALTONA	12 3-3
LEAGUE DIV. 3	ELTHAM UTD	STH CAULFIELD	13 0-1
VICTORIA STATE	FITZROY CITY	BANYULE	14 3-1
LEAGUE DIV. 3	FRANKSTON	SUNBURY UTD	15 0-1
VICTORIA STATE	SEAFORD UTD	SANDRINGHAM	16 4-2
LEAGUE DIV. 3	STH DANDENONG	PASCOE VALE	17 3-1
VICTORIA STATE	WESTVALE	KEILOR EAGLES	18 3-3
LEAGUE DIV. 4	BRIGHTON	CRANBOURNE	19 1-7
VICTORIA STATE	GEELONG	DOVETON	20 2-1
LEAGUE DIV. 4	STH SPRINGVALE	LANGWARRIN	21 3-2
VICTORIA STATE	STH WANTIRNA	MONBULK	22 1-0
LEAGUE DIV. 4	SUN HEIGHTS	STONNINGTON	23 0-3
VICTORIA STATE	WILLIAMSTOWN	CORIO	24 1-0
LEAGUE DIV. 4	BAYSWATER	INGLEWOOD	25 0-3
VICTORIA STATE	FREMANTLE C.	PERTH	26 3-1
LEAGUE DIV. 4	SORRENTO	ATHENA	27 0-1
VICTORIA STATE	STIRLING P.	STIRLING LIONS	28 0-2
LEAGUE DIV. 4	CAMPBELLTOWN	BLUE EAGLES	29 0-1
VICTORIA STATE	CROYDON	WOODVILLE	30 0-2
LEAGUE DIV. 4	PORT LION	ADELAIDE R.	31 1-6
VICTORIA STATE	SALISBURY	MODBURY	32 3-2
LEAGUE DIV. 3	ANNERLEY	GOODNA	33 1-3
VICTORIA STATE	THE GAP	CAPALABA	34 1-1
LEAGUE DIV. 3	LOGANHOLME	WESTERN SUBS.	35 0-0
VICTORIA STATE	OXLEY UTD	IPSWICH	36 1-3
LEAGUE DIV. 3	STHSIDE EAGLES	DARRA	37 0-1
VICTORIA STATE	SOUTH STAR	SAMFORD	38 1-1

NSW DIVISION ONE

P	W	S	D	L	F	A	PT
Ryde City	16	11					

Heroes of Yesteryear

A look back at some of the memorable players who made their names in past World Cups

MARIO ZAGALO 1958

**As player
& coach
he
contributed
to Brazil's
three Titles**

ONLY ONE man other than the great Pelé has had a direct hand in Brazil's three World Cup triumphs: Mario Zagalo, a lithe left winger on the '58 and '62 sides and team coach in 1970.

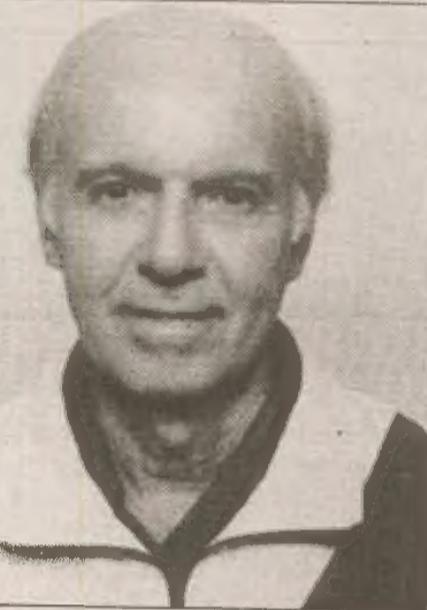
Zagalo belonged to

one of the great front lines in world Cup history, teaming with Didi, Vava, Pelé, and "The Little Bird" Garrincha (and later Amarildo) to account for 23 of the 30 goals scored by Brazil in 1958 and '62.

In the 1958 Final, in Sweden, Zagalo scored his team's fourth goal (and set up the fifth) in a 5-2 rout of the host nation.

In the 1962 tournament, played in Chile, Zagalo opened Brazil's account in its first game, against Mexico in the 1970 World Cup, played in Mexico, he took the helm of what has been labelled the strongest national side ever. The Brazilians went on a dazzling run to the Final, where they trounced Italy by a score of 4-1.

Zagalo added to his involvement in three triumphs already by going to World Cup '94 as Brazil's technical co-ordinator under coach Carlos Alberto Parreira.



Mario Zagalo (pictured under flag): Part of one of the most potent frontlines in World Cup history.

MARIO KEMPES 1978

**His
dramatic
overtime
goal won
the World
Crown for
Argentina**

WITH 14 minutes played in overtime in the 1978 World Cup final, Argentina and the Netherlands were deadlocked at one goal each.

Then Mario Kempes, his long hair flowing, his white socks rumpled at his calves, took charge of the game.

Kempes already had scored Argentina's first goal but now, in front of a ravenous home crowd of

way past three Dutch defenders and slid home the go-ahead goal. Then, five minutes from time, Kempes set up teammate Daniel Bertoni, who scored Argentina's third goal.

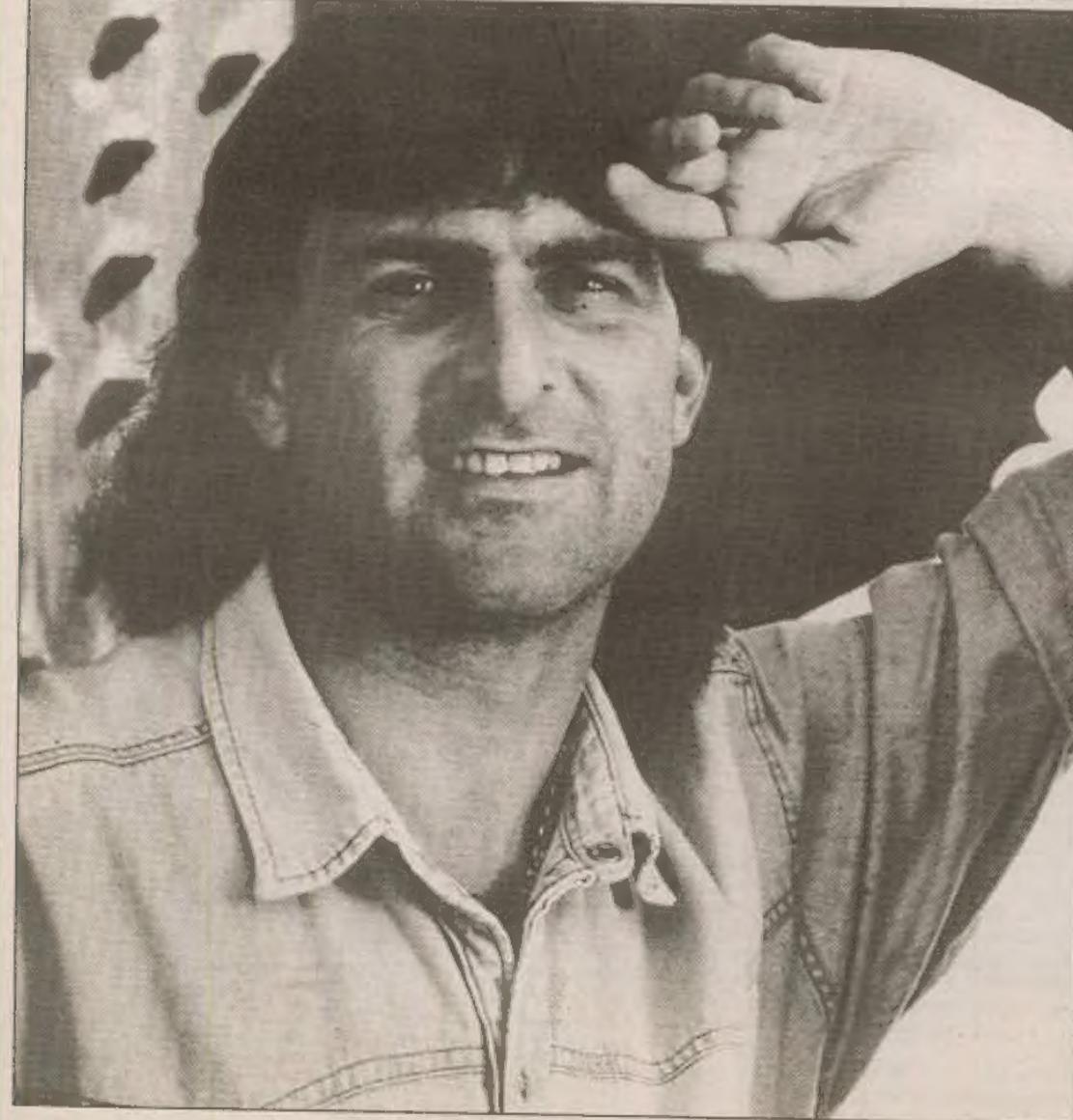
Kempes' two goals took his tournament tally to six, which made him the tournament's top scorer overall. But it also redeemed him in the eyes of those Argentinian fans who'd been irked when he had gone scoreless in the 1974 World Cup in West Germany, and when he'd left his homeland in 1976 to play with Valencia in Spain's top division.

Kempes was a huge success in Valencia (of course), and today he's the team coach.



Mario Kempes: Delighted at victory in 1978.

77,000 in Buenos Aires' Estadio Monumental, he weaved his



Mario Kempes: Went from villain to hero from 1974 to 1978.

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Sportswell Tours (the official Sydney agents appointed

to handle this Soccer Masters) have already received nominations from several NSW, Qld, and Victorian clubs.

Last year saw the inaugural Fijian Soccer Masters won by an Australian team (the Brazilian Old stars from Melbourne) who defeated the local champions Ba in the final. A select-team also entered by the "Australian & British Soccer Weekly Allstars" last season and skippered by the magnificent ball-playing sweeper Alan McNair, ended the tournament by winning the consolation trophy, the "Plate-Award".

The extremely well-organised and experienced Brazilian Old Stars headed up by team-manager and midfielder, Mr Gil Moreira, have already lodged their application with Sportswell Tours to enter this year's Masters to defend their title.

If any readers are unable to form a team, Sportswell Tours will be putting together a combined Australian team.

This was done successfully last year and the majority of this team - "The Australian Soccer Weekly Allstars"

are travelling again this year, either with their own team or as part of a new combined side.

Prices start at \$975 per person and include return airfares, transfers, seven nights accommodation, presentation dinner and tournament entry and organisation.

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Sportswell Tours will be only accepting entries on a first in - first served basis. Your entry will only be secure on receipt of a team deposit of \$100 and nomination of entry form. Extensions to the Coral Coast or an outer island can be arranged so you may relax and unwind after the Soccer Tournament.

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